Oh Lord my God thou that dwellest on high bless I beseech of thee the one into whose hands this may fall and crown her with a diadem of glory in the Eternal worlds. Oh let it be sealed this day on high that she shall come forth in the first resurrection to receive the same and verily it shall be so saith the Lord if she remain in the Everlasting covenant to the end as also all her Fathers house shall be saved in the same Eternal glory and if any of them shall wander from the fold of the Lord they shall not perish but shall return saith the Lord and be saved and by repentance be crowned with all the fullness of the glory of the Everlasting Gospel. These promises I seal upon all of their heads in the name of Jesus Christ by the Law of the Holy Priesthood even so Amen

Joseph Smith

Sarah Ann

Whitney

Joseph C. Kingsbury, received a Patriarchal and Sealing Blessing under the head of Joseph Smith the Prophet, Seer and Revelator, and President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints, as follows: Bro. Joseph I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ to bestow upon thee a patriarchal blessing, according to the power and authority of the holy Priesthood vested in me, I say unto thee shalt be blessed with the good things of this world abundantly in thy life time, and I seal thee up to come forth in the first resurrection, unto eternal life, and thy companion Caroline, who is now dead, thou shalt have, for I seal thee up for and in her behalf, to come forth in the first resurrection unto eternal life, (and it shall be as though she was present herself) and thou shalt hail her, and she shall be thine, and no one shall have power to take her from thee, and you both shall be crowned and enthroned to dwell together in a Kingdom, in the Celestial Glory, in the presence of God, and you shall enjoy each other society and embraces, in all the fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, worlds without end, for I seal these blessings upon thee, and for thy companion, in the name of Jesus Christ, for thou shalt receive the holy anointing and endowment in this life, to prepare you for all these blessing, even so, Amen - Witnesses present - Newel K. Whitney, Elizabeth Ann Whitney, Sarah Ann Whitney.

A Patriarchal blessing pronounced by Joseph Smith Sen. upon the head of Emanuel Masters Murphy son of Mark Murphy, who was born in Union district, South Caroline, September 15, 1809. Given at Far West, Mo. September 30, 1838.

Brother: By the authority of mine office and in the name of Jesus Christ the son of the living God I lay my hands upon thy head to bless thee, and all the blessings thou art able to bear shall be given to thee, the blessings of Abraham Isaac and Jacob shall be upon thee, and I bless thee with the same blessing which thy father should have blessed thee, if he was a righteous father upon earth; inasmuch as thou hast come into the new covenant, thy life shall be long in the land which the Lord has given to thee. All the powers of thine enemies shall not harm thee, and no weapon shall prosper which is formed against thee. Remember the covenant of baptism and remember the seal of God is upon thee, thou shalt be blessed with the blessings of heaven. Thou must stand up and bless thy children for thou shalt be a Patriarch to them. Thou shalt have all the blessings of the Priesthood, thou must be diligent in preaching the Gospel and thou shalt be the means of doing good; thou hast already done much good. Thou art of the blood of Jacob and of the seed of Ephraim and if thou art faithful prisons shall not hold thee, walls cannot contain thee, thou shalt stand with the hundred and forty and four thousand, if thou wilt receive the priesthood. be patient and prayerful, pray in the groves and in the forests and thou shalt have power to receive visions of heaven, and thou shalt be a Priest in time and in eternity, and thou shalt preach to him spirits in prison, and have the honor to preach to thy father and mother and bring them into the kingdom. I seal the seal of God upon thy forehead, and seal thee up unto eternal life in the name of Jesus Christ, even so, Amen. C. Robinson Scribe

Nauvoo City March 23d 1843

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Sarah Ann ()
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Note: The history appears to have been started circa 1846.

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[Commencement of History:] ¹

A Record of Joseph Corrodon Kingsbury
giving a Sketch of his life, or in the
first place his descent & Cronology as far
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back & he has any Knowldg or information
And I Joseph C Kingsbury write this Record
with my own hands - I was born in the
town of Endfield County of Hartford and
State of Connecticut on the 2⁴ day of
may 1812 in the year of our 1812. Being
or Basheely
the Son of Solomon Kingsbury & Bathshua
Kingsbury who was the Son of Lemuel and
Alice Kingsbury who was the Son of Joseph
and Mary Kingsbury who was the Son of
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¹ The “d” and second “s” are in very light ink with the “d” partially covering the first “s.” The
dates are also in a lighter ink.
² The word “as” was made in graphite.
manhood and in my Youthfull Days I had many Serious thoughts of A Devine Being who Created all things that mine Eyes Could behold & being taught that it was necessary if I wish a happy Existance hereafter I Must Reverence & Adore his Grate & holy name and Worship him and keep all his Commandments. And when wrightly understanding the order of God & the plan of Salvation I Gladly embraced it with thanks giving to the most high for in this my day there are many diffrence orders of worship made up after the imaginaiton of men & not after the

order of God & the whole wourld became more or Less Corrupted in these men made order of worship. And the Grate Govener the God of Heaven looked upon the Situation of of the wourld in its degraded & Coruped State had Compashion & sent An angell from heaven unto Joseph Smith Jr who Conversed with him face to man & Showed him the order of God,s worship the pure principles where by men might be Saved as in Anthent days. And When I first heard these things I had deep reflections thinking that these things might be true although they was considered by the wourld at Large as falshood & humbugary but still it had deep impressions on my mind & I felt anxious to here for myself of those who Preached these things I was years of age about Eighteen or nineteen When I first heard

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Heavens is full of Blessings for thee and
thou7 art blessed because of thy diligence in

3 “See Here” is written in purple pencil in the left margin.
4 This addition is in purple pencil.
5 This numeral, done in graphite, was added at a later date than the original text. It is apparent
  that the author wrote “1845” at first and then corrected himself by writing a “3” over the “4.”
6 The author originally put a “J” and then wrote a “C” over the top.
Keeping thee Commandments of the Lord and thou Shall be Blessed and thy Postery after thee and thou Shalt go forth and thy young Shall be Loosed & thy mouth Shall be opened & thou shall be an instrument in bringing many to the Knowledge of the truth and thou Shall have power with God & thy Hart Shall Expand like Enochs of old and thou Shalt Stand upon mount Zion When the Lord Shall Come these blessings I Pronounce & Seal upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ Amen And on the 8th of March 1835 I Recd. a Blessing from under the Hands of Elder

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7 This was originally written as "though" but there was an attempt to smudge the last two letters out.
Part of the day and on the 13th of November see here\(^8\) is Rite\(^9\) 1835 or January 1836. Was Called upon By the unanimous Voice of the Council (Which Constituted the Authorities of the Church) to be a high Counciller & high Priest in Kirtland & this winter Recd my washing & Anointing in or with my Corem of High Councills in K. and Received the washing of feet in the Lords House in Kirtland & also an anointing and an Indowment. and on the 3rd day of February 1846\(^10\) I married Miss Caroline

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\(^9\) These two words are in graphite.  
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\(^11\) A capital letter "F" has been written over the "M" as a later correction.  
\(^12\) The letters "Wha" are smudged out under this word in light ink.
any off with Thomas Burdick and after a Long & feagous Journey & Sickness & Loosing my Son Joseph W Kingsbury on the 13th Augt 1838. We Three Four arrived there Fore months from the time I being Left Kirtland on the 23rd day of Sept 1838, & Remaing at Far West through all the Wars of mobs Suffered much & Returned back to Leave the State got within 25 Miles of the Line or River was obliged to Stop on account of Sickness of my wife Caroline Who had the dropsey & Remained nearly a year

before She was abled to move out of the State She suffered mutch on account of the Persecution of Missouri & many others Suffered also on account of being obliged to Leave the State in the Could Season in the Winter & also the Church Left the State & Come to the State of Illinois after Severe Tryals & Afflictions & Some in Prison (Joseph Smith J & his Counsel) We arrived in the State of Illinois in the fall of 1839 & arrived at Commerce on the Missipiriver & Crost over to Mont Rose in Iowa Where many of the Church ware But the main Boddy Remain in Commerce in Illinois. I now Sought diligen=ently to obtain a Livelihood & being Blessed of the Lord We Prosperd Both Spiritually & Temperally and on the Fall of 1841 We moved over the River to Nauvoo (which was Called Commerce) & was imployed in Joseph Smith Store under the direction of Bishop Newel K Whitney untill the fall of 1842 and on the 16th day Oct. Caroline My Wife Died after an Severe Sickniss of three Months & being delivered of A Son the Same day of her death Which Lived Thirteen Hours (his Name is Newel) I Remain Alone & felt as though I had Lost Some part of myself, for Trueley She was a grate help meat to me and how
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14 Brackets in the original.
AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF JOSEPH CORODON KINGSBURY

History of Joseph Corodon Kingsbury, copied from his own handwriting in his little books where he kept his diary by his granddaughter Roselia Meservy Watson. As written by his own hand 1846, 1847, 1849, 1850 and later.

A record of Joseph C. Kingsbury, giving a sketch of his life, or in the first place his descent and chronology as far back as he has any knowledge or information, and I Joseph C. Kingsbury write this record with my own hands. I was born in the town of Enfield, County of Hartford, State of Connecticut on the 2nd day of May in the year 1812. Being a son of Solomon Kingsbury and Bathahua (or Bashua) Kingsbury who was son of Lemuel and Alice Kingsbury who was the son of Joseph and Mary Kingsbury and their father emigrated from England and settled in the New England States of America. And it is supposed that from two brothers sprang all the Kingsbursys in America.

My parents moved from the place of my birth to the state of Ohio in the County of Geauga, and the town of Painsville when I was only 4 months old. Here I grew to manhood and in my youthful days I had many serious thoughts of a Divine Being who created all things that mine eyes could behold, and being taught that it was necessary if I wished a happy existence hereafter, I must reverence and adore His great and Holy Name, and worship Him and keep all His commandments. And when I rightly understood the order of God and the Plan of Salvation, I gladly embraced it with thanksgiving to the Most High for in this my day there are many different orders of worship made up after the imaginations of men and not after the order of God. And the whole world became more or less corrupted in these man-made orders of worship. And the great goodness of the God of Heaven, looked upon this situation of the world in its degraded and corrupt state and had compassion and sent an Angel from Heaven unto Joseph Smith Jr. who conversed with Him face to face and showed him the order of God's worship and the pure principles whereby men might be saved as in ancient days.

When I first heard these things, I had deep reflections, thinking that these things might be true, although they were considered by the world at large as a falsehood and humbugery. But it still had deep impressions on my mind and I felt anxious to hear for myself of those who preached these things.

I was about 18 or 19 years of age when I first heard of the new Revelation that was brought forth by Joseph Smith Jr. from God, The BOOK OF MORMON.

1Autobiography of Joseph Corodon Kingsbury, typescript, LDS Church Archives. Grammar has been standardized.
I went to live with Newell K. Whitney in Kirtland, (9 miles from Painsville) who was one that embraced this new revelation and being here I gladly embraced the opportunity of going to meetings and believing all their testimonies. I went in obedience to the command of God and was baptized on 15 January 1832 by Elder Burr Riggs.

I remained in the service of Newell K. Whitney as a clerk in his store and endeavoring to do all I could to build up the kingdom of and cause of God which was the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but the world gave us the name Mormons. And when some of the Elders were in council with President Joseph Smith Jr. the Lord gave a revelation to build a House unto his Name and when the corner stones were laid there were 24 Elders called upon to attend to the laying of them, it being the 23 July 1833 the very day in the morning, I was ordained an Elder under the hands of President Joseph Smith Jr. who was and is the President of the whole Church.

I remained with the Church here in Kirtland (where the Lord commanded His House to be built) in service of Newell K. Whitney, endeavoring to do all I could for the Church and on the 18th day of February 1835, I received a Patriarchal Blessing under the hands of Father Joseph Smith Sr. as follows:

JOSEPH C. KINGSBURY, I lay my hands upon thy head and pronounce a Father's Blessing upon thee. The Lord loveth thee and the Heaven's full of blessings for thee, and thou art blessed because of thy diligence in keeping the Commandments of the Lord, and thou shalt be blessed and thy posterity after thee and thou shalt go forth and thy tongue shall be loosed and thy mouth shall be opened and thou shalt be an instrument in bringing many to the knowledge of the truth, and thou shalt have power with God and thy heart shall expand like Enoch of old and thou shalt stand upon Mount Zion when the Lord shall come. These blessings, I pronounce and seal upon thy head in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

And on the 8th March 1835 I received a blessing from under the hands of Elder Sidney Rigdon as follows:

Brother Joseph C. Kingsbury, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of the Lord and I ask my Heavenly Father in His Name to have mercy upon thee and bless thee for thou art called to go forth into the nations, and I pray my Heavenly Father that thou might be prepared for the great and high calling whereunto thou art called and I secure this blessing with thy right also in the House of the Lord according to that which thou hast done or may hereafter do so shall thy right be among thy brethren even so, Amen.

On the 6th day of July 1835 I left Kirtland & went on a mission to the state of New York preaching in various places and in company with Lorenzo Young, baptized 4 between us and Brother John Young. I returned after the absence of about 3 months, living with Bishop Newell K. Whitney again and in his employ. And the first Sunday after returning home was called on with Levi Hancock [page 2] to speak to the Church by Joseph Smith Jr. in the forepart of the day.
and on the 13th January was called upon by the unanimous voice of the Council (which consisted of the Authorities of the Church) to be a High Counselor and High Priest in Kirtland. This winter I received my washings and anointings in or with my Quorum of High Council in Kirtland and also an Anointing and Endowment. And on the 3rd February 1836 I married Miss Caroline Whitney, a near connection of Bishop Newell K. Whitney, who was a faithful and worthy member of the Church.

I now commenced my service in supporting my family in all the law required of me in the service of my duty to God and man. And on the 13th February 1837 I had a son born to me and gave him the name of Joseph Whitney Kingsbury.

On the 7 December I left home to go find labor and found none. I commenced preaching from house to house, traveling east and often being absent 3 months. Returned home to my little family and found them well and rejoiced to behold them with the comforts of life.

And now preparations were making for many of the brethren to leave Kirtland to go for Western Missions where a Stake of Zion was planted and many of the Church have gathered there. President Joseph Smith Jr. and Father and brother were making their way there and all that could were doing the same, so I made preparations to move my family there. I started on the 23 May 1838 in company with Thomas Burdick and after a long and tedious journey and sickness and losing my son Joseph W. on the 13th August 1838 and we arrived there 3 or 4 months from the time I left Kirtland being on the 23rd September 1838 and remaining at Far West through all the wars of mobs and suffered much and returned back, to leave the state. Got 25 miles of the line or river and was obliged to stop on account of sickness of my wife Caroline, who had dropsy and remained nearly a year before she was able to move out of the state.

She suffered much on account of the persecutions, missions, and many others suffered also on account of being obliged to leave the state in the cold season of the winter, also the Church left the state and came to the state of Illinois after severe trials and afflictions in the fall of 1839 and at Commerce and Mississippi River, crossed over to Montrose, Iowa, where many of the Church were. But the main body remained in Commerce in Illinois.

I now sought diligently to obtain a livelihood and being blessed of the Lord we prospered both spiritually and temporally and the fall of 1841 we moved over the river to Nauvoo (which was Commerce) and was employed in Joseph Smith's store under the direction of Bishop Newell K. Whitney until the fall of 1842.

On the 10th day of October my wife died after a severe sickness of 3 months and being delivered of a son the same day of her death, which lived 13 hours. His name is Newel. I remained alone and felt as though I had lost some part of myself, for truly she was a great helpmate to me and how thankful I felt, thinking I shall see her again to enjoy each other's society forever to part no more, and also my two little sons, Joseph W. and Newel, for my desire is to live long upon the
earth to see that all things are prepared to meet them, all in the Celestial Kingdom of Glory in the presence of God, standing at the head according to the order and glory of God.

And on 29 April 1843, according to President Joseph Smith and Council and others, I agreed to stand by Sarah Ann Whitney as though I was supposed to be her husband and pretended marriage for the purpose of shielding them from the enemy. (She was wife of the Prophet Joseph Smith) A mock ceremony of marriage before the enemy and for the purpose of bringing about the purposes of God in these last days and as spoken by the mouth of the Prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Joseph Smith and Sarah Ann should receive a great glory, honor, and eternal life. I also received a great glory and honor and eternal life to the full desires of my heart in having my companion Caroline in the First Resurrection to claim her and no one have power to take her from me and we both shall be crowned and enthroned together in the Celestial Kingdom of God enjoying each other's society in all of the fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our little ones with us as is received in this blessing that President Joseph Smith sealed upon my head on the 23 March 1843 as follows:

BROTHER JOSEPH, I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ to bestow upon thee a Patriarchal Blessing according to the power and authority of the Holy Priesthood vested in me; I say unto thee thou shalt be blessed with the good things of this world abundantly in thy lifetime and I seal thee up to come forth in the First Resurrection unto eternal life and thy companion, Caroline, who is now dead. Thou shalt have in the First Resurrection for I seal thee up for and in behalf to come forth in the First Resurrection unto eternal lives (and it shall be as though she was present herself) and thou shalt have her and she shall be thine and no one shall have power to take her from thee. And you both shall be crowned and enthroned to dwell together in a Kingdom in the Celestial Glory in the presence of God and you shall enjoy each other's society and embrace in all the fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for thou shalt receive the Holy Anointings and Endowments in this life to prepare you for all these blessing even so Amen. (Witnesses to above blessing - N. K. Whitney; Elisabeth Ann Whitney; and Sarah Whitney).

I remained with Newel K. Whitney until 23 July 1843 and left Nauvoo, the City of the Saints on a Mission in the New England States, amongst some of my relatives, but they did not wish to hear my preaching but despised me because I preached the pure principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and I could not enjoy myself in their society and went among the people and preached the Word whenever they would hear me and baptized 4 and left some others believing and on my return home I went North and visited Caroline's relatives, and conversed with them upon the principles of the Gospel and they received me kindly but did not receive the Word I delivered unto them.

I left and came as far as Ohio and heard of the murder of Joseph and Hyrum Smith, the Prophet and Patriarch, which I could not believe until it came repeatedly to be the truth, that they were actually murdered by a mob while in jail at Carthage and for no other reason than for the truth's
sake, they being holy men and prophets of God sent to warn the people of the last days, and bring to pass the dispensation of the fullness of times.

I remained in Kirtland, Ohio, 5 or 6 days then came in company with Horace K. Whitney to Nauvoo, and landed safely home 28 July 1844 which was a great blessing to me to see my friends once more.

On the 2nd day of August 1844, I received a Patriarchal Blessing under the hands of Patriarch [page 3] John Smith as follows:

I lay my hands upon thy head and seal a Father’s Blessing upon thee in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, having a commission from Him to bless those who have no father. Thou art entitled to all the blessings which the servants of God sealed upon their children in ancient days which is a fullness of the Melchizedek Priesthood with all the blessings and benefits thereof. Thou art a lawful heir to these things because thou art a son of Joseph the son of Jacob who was sold into Egypt.

Thou shalt be a Savior on Mount Zion with power to save all thy dead friends with many if not all thy living ones and a great multitude of others shall rejoice with them, with thy companion in the resurrection of the just. It is thy privilege to have the ministering of angels and to converse with them in all times of need.

Thy posterity shall be numerous in the earth. The weakest of thy sons shall be like David of old. Thy daughters also shall be honorable amongst the Saints. I seal this blessing also upon their heads throughout all their generations. Thy name shall be had in honorable remembrance to the end of time.

Thou art called to proclaim the Gospel to many people. It is left to thy choice in which part of the vineyard thou shalt labor and according to the whisperings of the Spirit thou wilt preach to the Gentiles and Jews, the Lamanites also shall hear thy voice, and thousands shall obey the Gospel through thy teachings and no power shall stay thine hand, no enemies shall prevail against thee for the angels of the Lord shall chase them away. Kings and Rulers and great men of the earth shall tremble at thy word. Thou shalt bring thy tens of thousands to Zion and thy Companion shall be there and shall spread a table for she shall have an abundance of the good things of the earth and thou shalt sit at the head of the table and bless the food with all thy believing children that thou has gathered out from among the nations in the name of the Lord.

Thou shalt live to see the Temple which the Lord hath said shall be built in this generation. Thou shalt receive an Endowment in it which shall unfold to thy mind all the glories and blessings and mysteries of all things relating to Zion. Thou shalt be properly satisfied and shall have every desire of thy heart if thou wilt be faithful, not one word of this blessing shall fail for I seal it upon thy head by the authority vested in me and I seal thee up to eternal life, Amen.
I remained here in Nauvoo a few days and then went over in Iowa and preached some under the direction of the Twelve and was backwards and forwards as occasion required until 22 November 1844.

I went to the Nauvoo Temple Office to do business under direction of trustees, Bishop Newel K. Whitney and Bishop George Miller, and on the January 1845 I received my first anointing and was received into the Quorum of the Priesthood and met with the Quorum at times, offered up prayer and received instructions very beneficial and on the 4th March my wife was sealed to me although dead, (this was Caroline), Dorcas Adelia Moore acting as proxy in her behalf for time and eternity, done by President Heber C. Kimball the 2nd President of the Twelve. Also Dorcas A. Moore was sealed to me as a wife for time and Eternity at the same time. (Witnesses: N. K. Whitney, Ann E. Whitney, Thomas Moore, H. C. Kimball the President who pronounced the blessing).

I am daily employed under the direction of the Trustees of the [Nauvoo] Temple Office and on the 8 December 1845, I received an Endowment in the upper room of the Temple in Nauvoo or the City of Joseph, also was sealed to Bishop N. K. Whitney as his son on 27 January 1840 and the same time Dorcas A. Moore and Loenza A Pond were sealed to him as his daughters and the two daughters were sealed to me to be my wives for time and eternity, by President Brigham Young. On the 28th or 29th January 1846 I received my own Anointing with my two wives, under the hands of President Orson Pratt in the Northeast room in the upper part of the Temple in the City of Joseph and these blessings I feel to be thankful for and I pray I may always remember the goodness of the Lord to me. I am making preparations with many other brethren this winter to go to the wilderness in the spring.

I being prepared, took my journey on the 28 February 1846 with Sarah my supposed wife and Loenza my wife and Mary Hosten, Sarah's handmaid and Caroline. Sarah assisted in company with Bishop N. K. Whitney, my gospel father, and his wife. We traveled very slowly, being in a great company, bad weather, muddy roads and on the 8th Sarah was delivered of a son in the Valley of David and after going through a very fatiguing journey through cold and wet, I was taken sick and suffered much, but through the mercies of the Lord I recovered.

On the forepart of May, Sarah went to live with President Kimball (her husband for time), I was left with my real wife Loenza to journey by ourselves and we reached Council Bluffs in June about the middle. After making some protection for provisions in Missouri, we crossed the Missouri River and stopped at the Cold Springs 3 or 4 weeks. Then I journeyed on about 15 miles and stopped on the prairies and gave the name of Cutler's Park. !!!

NOTE: (It is told that while Loenza was giving birth to a child that a mob was tearing the roof off the house).

Here we prepared for winter, in cutting hay and here Dorcas my wife came to live with me in
August 1846 and after a number of weeks we moved about 3 miles and camped by the Missouri River and stopped for winter and built houses and named the place Winter Quarters. We prepared in the spring to journey to the mountains in the West. I started with my family consisting of myself, two wives, Dorcas and Loenza. We left Winter Quarters the 12th June 1847 in company with Thomas Moore and family and Stillman Pond, and Elizabeth his daughter, and having a long and fatiguing journey of sand and dust, we arrived over the mountains and landed in the valley of Salt Lake on 29 Sept. 1847. [page 4] Here we prepared to make ourselves comfortable for winter and also put in wheat for our bread the coming year.

Now we are in the Fort, comfortable for winter, and doing all we can to raise our living in tilling the earth, June 25, 1848.

Soon after or about 2 months after our arrival in the valley of Great Salt Lake, I had a daughter born unto me by my wife Dorcas on 19 November 1847 and where first settled, in the Fort. (Bashua). We lived about one and a half years there and moved out on our lots and the Fort was broken up and my lot numbered 8 on block 19 New Survey. On the 27 March 1849 I had another daughter born by my wife Loenza and named her Vilate Elizabeth.

I built on my lot and I labored continually to support my family and make myself comfortable and on 22 December 1849 I had another daughter born by my wife Dorcas and called her Josephine. I am now tolerably well situated February 3, 1850. I remained in the city of Great Salt Lake on my lot in the Second Ward, doing the best I can to support myself and family laboring with my hands in tilling the earth and helping the companies. However in June 1850 I prospered in obtaining money by ferrying on Weber River in company with 5 brothers and in 20 days we made to each of ourselves $300. Which was a great help and benefit to me to aid me to live and there I was enabled to obtain a yoke of oxen and a wagon and by my labor obtain a comfortable living. I have acted as Bishop and as a Counselor to Bishop Loury, and after his leaving I acted as Counselor to Bishop Groves. After he moved out of the 2nd Ward I was appointed Bishop at April Conference 1851 and was ordained at a Bishop's meeting in the Council House in Great Salt Lake July 13, 1851 by Daniel Spencer and Bishop Edward Hunter, and I endeavored to do my duty in this office in the 2nd Ward.

In the year 1850, October 17, I had a daughter born to me by my wife Loenza and named her Martha and also in January 7, 1852, I had a daughter born to me by my wife Dorcas and named her Mary Ophelia. I am now in good health and intend to go to Green River in April to ferry in company with 4 brethren.

I now date this writing March 28, 1852: I went to Green River as above stated and by the means I obtained ferrying, I was able to help myself and pay my debts. I arrived home from the ferry the forepart of August and found my family in good degree of health and as I had a large family, I thought best to go out on a farm, and asked President Young and he said to "Go on a farm and raise all the stock of all kinds you can." While I was gone south in search of a place, I had a
daughter by my wife Loenza on 19 September 1852 and named her Mariah Loenza. NOTE (This girl married Apostle Marriner W. Merrill).

I sold my city improvements to Dr. Rust and went north 40 miles in the City of Ogden and bought a farm and moved the 16 October 1852. The coming spring the water being so high that it covered my farm, that it was of no benefit to me, and in June I sold out and expect to move to the Weber and settle. My wife Loenza had a bad cough all winter. It settled to consumption, and on the 15 June at 2 o’clock in Salt Lake City, she died and left this life in the flesh, but she lives and can and will live and her child.

Copying from another paper I found the following from life of Jos. C. Kingsbury:

A blessing which my wife Dorcas A. Moore Kingsbury received under the hand of Patriarch John Smith, August 2, 1844:

A Patriarchal Blessing given under the hands of John Smith August 2, 1844, at Nauvoo on the head of Dorcas A. daughter of Thomas and Mahala D. Moore born January 22, 1828, Bennington, New York. I lay my hands upon thy head by request of Father in the name of Jesus of Nazareth and seal a Father’s blessing upon thee. Thou art of the blood and lineage of Joseph through the loins of Ephraim and as heir to all the blessings of the New and Everlasting Covenant even the Holy Priesthood which shall enable thee to redeem thy dead friends, and also thy living ones and to be instrumental in bringing many to the knowledge of the truth.

Thou shalt be a teacher of children of the Lamanites, to teach them the science of letters, and learning. Also spinning and weaving and knitting work and all sorts of wearing apparel, for Saints of the last days have to make their own clothes.

Thou shalt have a companion which shall be exactly suited to thy mind and a numerous posterity. Two of thy sons shall put ten thousand of the enemy to flight. Thy daughters shall assist thee greatly in thy labors among the Lamanites. Thy companion shall also encourage thy heart and strengthen thy hands. He shall baptize and bring his thousands to thee for instruction. Thou shalt have riches in abundance also possess the riches of eternity. Thy name shall be had among thy children to all generations.

Thou shalt live to see the Curtain of Zion extend over the whole Eastern Continent of America and her children dwell in peace and enjoy all the glories and blessings which you desire if you live humble not one word shall fail which hath been spoken for I seal it upon thy head by the authority of the Holy Priesthood, Amen.

A Blessing which Loenza Almire Kingsbury received under the hand of Patriarch John Smith in Winter Quarters 19 February 1847, Omaha Nation.
A blessing by John Smith Patriarch on the head of loenza A. Kingsbury, daughter of Stillman and Almira E. Pond, born in Wooter County, Massachusetts, February 15, 1830:

Sister Loenza, in the name of Jesus Christ, by the authority which has been given me I place my hands upon thy head and seal upon thee a Father's blessing for thou art a daughter of Jacob through the loins of Joseph and thou hast a right by an inheritance to all the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. All the power and privileges of the Priesthood with thy companion and in as much as thou hast experienced afflictions, and passed through many trials and have not fainted, the Lord is well pleased with thee and thy name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life, through faithfulness, it shall never be blotted out.

The Lord has given His Angels charge over thee and they have watched thee from the beginning [page 5] and they will continue and defend the cause. Therefore fear not when troubles arise like a flood about thee. Let thy patience have its perfect work and thou shalt not be overcome.

Thou shalt see the hand of the Lord has been favorable toward thee for thou shalt know that the Lord is just in all ways and all thy losses shall be made up to thee and joy shall fill thy bosom. !!! Thou shalt have a posterity that shall be mighty in the earth and none shall be greater in the house of Israel. Thou shalt redeem all thy friends that you desire. Shall have faith to heal the sick in thy house. Health, peace and plenty shall be in all thy borders. No good thing shall be withheld from thee. Thou shalt live to a good old age, see Zion established in peace and the Saints settled in a healthy land.

Now sister be faithful and abide in the truth. and these words shall not fail, for I seal them upon you and thine forever, Amen.

Joseph C. Kingsbury writes:

I bought a small place of Myron Higley in East Weber and moved here 26 July 1853 and soon after I moved, orders from the Governor of the Territory (which is Utah) for all the settlements to gather in Forts on account of disturbances with Indians in the south, and so I with the rest of the settlements moved our log houses in a Forting.

Soon after and the 4th November 1853 my wife Dorcus A. was delivered of a man child and his name is Joseph Thomas Kingsbury. On account of not being properly dealt with she was very sick and with rheumatism setting in and she went to her mother's to be taken care of and it was the most miserable and sickest winter she ever experienced in her life. For some time she was not expected to live. However by good care she was much better, when her father's family moved to California and then she came home, but her folks wanted us to go with them, being anxious about her and would take us free of expense, but I did not feel free to go without being in good feelings with the Church and go with their approbation and as council was to stay here until sent,
therefore I did not go and as I wish to be obedient to the Lord's command I therefore wished to tarry.

Mr. Thomas Moor and family started on 4th April 1854 and they said that Dorcas their daughter they did not expect that she would live 6 months. However she had a poor time for 3 months but still gained a little and then gained a little faster, and after months was able to be about her work, but not in good health. We had a girl during all the time of her sickness and during all this time it hindered me from doing so much for the benefit of my family as I might, therefore it ran us close race for the comforts of life. However we did the best we could.

I raised about 30 bushels of wheat and 50 bu. potatoes and some little garden such as beets and melons which helped some.

I took a school the following winter 1854-5 but with little benefit to what I expected. This season 1855 I sowed 4 to 7 bu. wheat and Dorcas my wife was quite sick for 3 or 4 months in the spring which hindered me much from labor, but I did the best I could to raise something for my family to live on and again the grasshoppers did me much damage, and at time of harvest I gathered about 25 bu wheat, and 10 bu. potatoes and a few small squash. Therefore I was obliged to sell a cow in order to get something to eat, but I expect to continue somehow to obtain more flour to subsist upon until harvest again. I have a large family of children, 6 living at home with me and two at Great Salt Lake City. Martha Ann with Mr. Jeremiah Woodbury and Mariah Loenza with Beason Lewis, his wife Elizabeth Pond is her aunt. My health is not very strong at present but gaining. My circumstances very low to sustain my family. The reason being sickness of my family.

But now to enjoy health, my wife Dorcas was deliver'd of a daughter and her name is Elizabeth Mahals. Dorcas's health is better than she ever was before, after the child's birth and very good for her. And I hope she will be better than she ever was and if we all can enjoy health I think we can make a living of it and be prepared in our labors.

This is December 13, 1855

I remained at East Weber and labored to support my family until spring of 1858, but not having very good quantity of land it was hard to get along, and Dorcas had to take a Mr. James Moberry to board for which the Church paid us $3.50 a week and he caused my wife a good deal of trouble and was sometimes very disagreeable and Dorcas stood it remarkably well for her, she is weakly constituted and worked very hard to get along and Mr. Moberry boarded with us 1 1/2 years. The winter of 1857 I was chosen to be the 2nd counselor to Thomas I. Osbern as he was appointed Bishop of East Weber after Bishop A. Wodsworth was removed.

In February 1858 I moved up to George Higley's farm to carry it on for the season to have his cows to milk, also in March the word came for all the northern settlers to move south and not putting in any more seed in the ground. This stopped me from further preparing to farm on G.
Higley's place in Weber Valley and prepared to moved south to Provo with considerable trouble, as Dorcas was not well all the time and was obliged to do a good deal of the cooking and caring for the children and was not able in consequence of this to earn anything with my hands, was very difficult and we and our children were in want of clothing and I sold my only yoke of cattle for $110 and got something we needed and tried a tight squeeze and got another yoke of cattle and a small Studebaker wagon and fell in debt $50 for them. We were unable to raise the first thing the season of 1858.

When peace was made with the company sent here by the United States, we who moved south had the privilege of moving back if we chose and as John Whitney wanted me to come on his farm 4 miles from Great Salt Lake City and help him harvest, I did so and moved my family on John and Joshua's [page 6] farm, going to the Church farm and helping harvest and getting what crop they had and have done the best I could to get along and support my family which consists of myself, wife and 6 children at home, and Dorcas my wife has been unwell most or nearly all the time since. We left Weber April 1858 and now it is March 1859.

We came on this farm of Whitney August 2, 1859, and I had the chance of having some land here to occupy and help the boys John and Joshua and have had 4 cows to milk since I came here from the boys which was a real help to my family and I expect to stay here I know not how long.

I will mention that in the fall of 1857 I was called to go north in a military capacity under Captain T. I. Osborn and Colonel Chancy West to guard the government troops from coming in these valleys and was gone two weeks, and after remaining home a week I was again called to Echo Canyon and expected to meet the U. S. Army there, but after remaining there over 3 weeks, was again called home.

And as my wife Dorcas had to see to things out of doors and in the house and care for 6 small children and Mr. Moberly the boarder it wore on her health and it was the commencement of the foundation of being sick and I think she will now regain health after being sick most of the time for 13 months.

Martha Ann my daughter, living at Mr. Woodberry's went to live with Beason Lewis last spring or winter and is now with them and also Loenza March is there this day 20 Mar. 1859.

I wrote the last mentioning that being on John and Joshua Whitney farm four miles from Salt Lake City. And while there I wrote one time to Brigham Young in June 1859 wishing to know if I could be employed in the tithing store with Brother Hill. He sent me word by Horace Whitney that I could and so I made calculations accordingly and gathered my wheat and hauled it to the city when President D. H. Wells saw that I could have a house to live in and while on the boys farm as stated above, I gathered my wheat, hauled it to the city and have remained there 5 years. Have prospered well for which I am thankful for during this time my wife Dorcas bore a son born 25 February 1864 and we named him David Pease. And now this is a sketch of my whereabouts
for the past years and I am thankful for blessings and privileges I enjoy, this is 16 October 1864 and here I will record the record of my family.

NOTE: Insert here - "Elizabeth his daughter told me (Roselia M. Watson) that when her little brothers were told not to go wading in the canal, (it being out of sight from the house) because they were afraid they might be drowned, that one day they disobeyed and her father Joseph C. K. switched their legs with a willow, which Elizabeth said they thought very cruel for him to do for they had never seen him do such a thing before. He being a kind father and she was very much upset over it. But she said it hurt the father more than it did the boys to have to do it. He was kind to a fault and it was a big shock to them, they couldn't imagine their father doing such a thing. He was a very kind loving husband and father."
and pomp of this lower world, when compared with the great exaltation and glorious riches of eternity which will endure forever; and how small and insignificant does it make the works of man appear to Saints of God, who are awake and have in weakness girded on the armor of truth and righteousness, and now stand firm upon the watch-tower waiting to witness the grand tableau, yea, the closing, the winding up scene of the Almighty King of Kings, and Lord of Lords who has ever been our friend and advocate and his spirit still whispers to his Saints, Fear not for as the poet said:

"I have beheld my love and mercy scorned; Have seen my laws despised, my name blasphemed, My providence assailed, my gracious plans Opposed; and long, too long, have I beheld The wicked triumph, and my saints reproached Maliciously, while on my altars lie, Unanswered still, their prayers and their tears, Which seek my coming, weared with delay; And long disorder in my moral reign Has walked rebelliously, disturbed the peace, Of my eternal government, and wrought, Confusion spreading far and wide among My works inferior, which groan to be Released."

—Pollock’s Course of Time.

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15 May 1882, pp. 185-86

I will now begin where I left off. My father, Brigham Young, George A. Smith and Amasa Lyman were on missions preaching in the southern part of Illinois. The following extracts were written by my mother to father, it is dated: "NAUVOO, Oct. 16th, 1842."

She says: "We still enjoy a comfortable degree of health, though in the midst of sickness and death. Sister Winchester said she saw four coffins carried by her house yesterday, in one wagon—there are more or less buried every day. Almost every family on the disputed land are sick with a fever. Helen watched last night where there were seven in one family all sick—the woman nigh unto death. * * *

"Sister Marinda Hyde is sick with chills and fever. Brother Joseph and Emma were sick when Brother Brigham left. Emma was brought down nigh unto death; Brother Joseph despaired of her life, he mourned over her and refused to be comforted. But the Lord has spared her: life and she is now able to ride out. Joseph was obliged to leave her before she was able to sit up. He has left the place. I don’t know where he is but suffice it to say they hear from him occasionally and all is well. * * *

"You mentioned my meeting you on your return home. I shall be happy to do so if circumstances will admit. * * *

"Our good friend S. (Sarah, father’s other wife) is as ever, and we are one. You said I must tell you all my feelings; but if I were to tell you that I sometimes felt tempted and tried to feel as though my burden was greater then I could bear, it would only be a source of sorrow to you, and the Lord knows that I do not wish to add one sorrow to your heart, for be assured my dear Heber, that I do not love you any less for what has transpired, neither do I believe that you do me; therefore I will keep my bad feelings to myself, as much as possible, and tell you the good. I can say with propriety that the most of my time I feel comfortable in my mind, and feel that I have much to be thankful for. I realize that the scenes we are called to pass through are calculated to wean us from the world, and prepare us for a better one. My desire is to live while I can be a comfort to you and bring up our children, for I don’t know of a person on earth that I should be willing to leave them with.

"Brother Joseph felt it very keenly when he thought his wife would not live. ‘Oh dear,’ said he, ‘what will become of my poor children?’ * * *

"Brother Joseph Kingbury has buried his wife today. She was confined yesterday. She and child died within a half an hour of each other. * * *

"I must tell you of a little of the prosperity in Quincy. Sister Pinkham came up to teach Brother Adams; says there was a great turn out in Quincy to hear him preach. The courthouse was filled to overflowing, and many were believing; and she expected that Mr. Heywood would be baptized when they returned, and she did not know but he his brother-in-law, Kimball would also. * * I must leave room for Sister S. to write you a few lines. * * *

"I asked little David today, what I should tell Pa; said he, ‘Tell my Pa turn home see me.’ I must now bid you good night.

1395
KING, THOMAS FRANKLIN, 1842—
Autobiography (1842-1898)
Holograph. 31 pp. HDC (Ms d 2050 bx 7, 4)
Typecript. 8 pp. HDC (Ms d 2050 bx 7, 4)


1396
KING, VOLNEY, 1847-1925
Journals (1873-1923)
Holographs. 11 vols. UHi (uncatalogued)
Photocopy of holograph. UHi (uncatalogued)
Microfilm of holograph. HDC (Ms f 53); UU [2 vols.] (Film U 106-07)
Typecript. 2 vols. UU (Acc 241)


1397
KING, VOLNEY, scribe
Diary (1874-1883)
Typecript. 42 pp. HDC (d 827)
Record of Kingston United Order, 1874-83. Organization began in 1874 with apparent lack of Fillmore United Order. Number of members of King family then moved their stock to area between Circle Valley and Paugutch, then to Grass Valley. Formal organization minutes, 1877. Letter from John Taylor indicating propriety of re baptizing those entering the Order. Articles of incorporation, Central dining hall to serve all members. Daily entries, with some gaps, December 1877 through 1878. Routine of the Order pretty well noted. Entries close in 1883 although order still active. Pages 154-2 are photocopies of typescript pages.

1398
KING, WILLIAM E.
Diary (1845-1848)
Holograph. 200 pp. 15 cm. HDC (Ms d 1615)
Mainly a Mormon Battalion diary. Routine entries. A few entries dealing with Nauvoo prior to leaving with Battalion and with Winter Quarters after return.

1399
KINGSBURY, JOSEPH CORODON, 1812-1898
Autobiography (1812-1864)
Holograph. 63 pp. UU
Photocopy of holograph. 37 pp. UU
Typecript. 29 pp. UU
Typecript. 22 pp. UHi (Man A190)
Typecript. 6 pp. HDC (Ms d 2050, 7, 3, 73)


1400
KINGSBURY, JOSEPH CORODON, clerk
Diary (1847)
Holograph. 114 pp. UU
Photocopy of holograph. 114 pp. UU
Typecript. 31 pp. UU
Overland journal, 18 June to 26 September 1847. Lists names of company members. George B. Wallace was company captain.

1401
KINGSFORD, ELIZABETH HORROCKS JACKSON, 1826-1908
Autobiography (1826-1891)
Typecript. 12 pp. UHi (Man A719)

1402
KIRBY, THOMAS WRIGHT, 1831-1903
Journal (1831-1887)
Photocopy of holograph. 237 pp. HDC (Ms d 1033); BYU (MSS 706)
History of Joseph (Carrow) Kingsbury

As written by his own hand 1845, 1847, 1849, 1850 (and later).

A record of Joseph C. Kingsbury—giving a sketch of his life, or
in the first place his descent & chronology as far back as he has any knowledge
or information, & I Joseph C. Kingsbury write this record with my own hand.

I was born in the town of Enfield, County of Hartford, State of Connecticut,
on the 2nd day of May in the year 1822. Baring a son of Solomon Kingsbury
Kingsbury and Abigail Kingsbury who was the son of Samuel and Alice Kingsbury
who was the son of Joseph and Mary Kingsbury & their father emigrated from
England & settled in the New England States in America. And it is supposed
that from two brothers sprung all the Kingsbury's in America.

My parents moved from the place of my birth to the State of Ohio in
the County of Geauga, and the town of Painesville, when I was only 4 months
old. Here I grew to manhood & in my youthful days I had many serious thoughts
of a divine being who created all things that mine eyes could behold & being
taught that it was necessary if I wished a happy existence hereafter, I
must reverence & adore His great & holy name, & worship Him & keep all His
commandments. And when I rightly understood the order of God & the plan
of Salvation, I gladly embraced it with thanksgiving to the last high for
in this day there are many different orders of worship made up after the
imaginations of men & not after the order of God, & the whole world
becomes more or less corrupted in these man-made orders of worship, and the
great goodness of God of Heaven, looked upon this situation of the world
in its degraded & corrupted state & had compassion & sent an Angel from
Heaven unto Joseph Smith Jr. who conversed with Him face to face & showed
him the order of God's worship & the pure principles whereby man might
be saved as in Ancient days.

When I first heard these things, I had deep reflections, thinking that those things might be true, although they were considered by the world at large as a delusion & humbugary. But it still had deep impressions on my mind & I felt anxious to hear for myself of those who professed these things.

I was about 18 or 19 yrs of age when I first heard of the new Revelation that was brought forth by Joseph Smith Jr. from God, "The Book of Mormon." I went to live with Samuel H. Whitney in Kirtland, (9 miles from Palmyra) who was one that embraced this new revelation & being here I embraced gladly the opportunity of going to meetings & believing all their testimonies. I went in obedience to the Command of God & was baptized on 15 Jan 1832, by Elder Burr Riggs.

On the 15th of June 1832, I was ordained an Elder under the hands of President Joseph Smith Jr. the one who was the President of the whole Church. I remained with the Church here in Kirtland (where the Lord commanded His House to be built) in the service of Samuel H. Whitney endeavoring to do all I could for the Church & on the 18 day of Feb 1835 I received a Patriarchal Blessing under the hands of Father Joseph Smith Sr. As follows:

Josiah C. Kimball: I lay my hands upon thy head and pronounce a Father's blessing upon thee. The Lord loveth thee & the heavens full of blessings for thee, & thou art blessed because of thy diligence in keeping the commandments of the Lord, & thou shalt be blessed and thy posterity after thee; thou shalt go forth & thy tongue shall be loosed & thy mouth continued.
shall be opened & thou shalt be an instrument in bringing many to the
knowledge of the truth. 5 thou shalt have power with God 6 thy heart shall
stand like a rock of old & thou shalt stand upon Mount Zion when the Lord
shall come. These blessings I pronounce and seal upon thy head in the name
of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

8th March 1835

And on the 8th March 1835 I received a blessing from under the hands
of Elder Sidney Rigdon as follows:

Brother Joseph C. Kingsbury— I lay my hands upon thy head in the
name of the Lord & I ask my Heavenly Father in His name to have mercy upon
thee & bless thee for thou art called to go forth unto the Nations. 4 I
pray my Heavenly Father that thou might be prepared for the great & high
calling whereunto thou art called & I secure this blessing with thy right
hand in the name of the Lord according to that which thou hast done or say
henceforth do so shall thy right hand among thy brethren even so Amen.

On the 8th day of July 1835 I left Kirtland to go on a mission to the
State of New York, preaching in various places & in company with Lorenzo
Young, tented & between us a brother John Young.

I returned after the absence of about 3 months, living with Bishop
Daniel E. Whitney & again in his employ & the first Sunday after returning
home, we called on with Levi Hancock to speak to the Church by Pres. Joseph
Smith Jr. in the forepart of the day and on the 13th was called upon
by the unanimous voice of the Council (which consisted of the authorities
of the Church) to be a High Councillor and High Priest in Kirtland. This
winter I received my calling & appointment in or (sic) with my quorum of
High Council in Kirtland & also an Anointing & Endowment, & on the 3rd
Feb. 1836 I married Miss Caroline Whitney, a near connection of Bishop
Novel W. Whitney, who was a faithful & worthy member of the Church.

I now commenced my services in supporting my family in all the less
required of us in the service of my duty to God & men. And on 13 Feb.
1837 I had a son born to me & gave him the name of Joseph Whitney Kingsbury.

In the 9th, I left home to go find labor and found none. I commenced
13 Feb. 1837.
traveling east & often being absent 3 months.

returned home to my little family & found them well & rejoiced to renew
those with the comforts of life.

and now preparations were making for many of the brothers to leave
Kirtland to go for Eastern Missions where a Stake of Zion was planted &
many of the church have gathered there. Pres. Joseph Smith Jr. & father
& brother were making their way there and all that could were doing the
same, so I made preparation to move my family there & I started on the 23
May 1838 in company with Thomas Burbick & after a long & tedious journey
& sickness I losing my son Joseph H. on the 13 Aug. 1838 & arrived there
3 or 4 months after the time I left Kirtland being on 23 Sept. 1838

is remaining at far west thru all the war of mobs & suffered much &
returned back to leave the Stake got 23 miles of the line of river &
was obliged to stop on account of sickness of my wife Caroline, who had
dropped & remained nearly a year before she was able to move out of the
State. We suffered much on account of the persecutions, missions, &
many others suffered also on account of being obliged to leave the Stake
in the cold seasons in the winter, also the Church left the Stake & came
to the State of Illinois after severe trials & afflictions in the Fall of
1838, & at Commerce & Mississippi River, Crossed over to Montrose, Iowa,
where many of the Church were. But the main body remained in Commerce in
Illinois.

I now sought diligently to obtain a livelihood & being blessed of the
Lord we prospered both spiritually and temporally & the Fall of 1841 we
moved over the river to Nauvo (which was Commerce) & was employed in Joseph
Smith's Store under the direction of Bishop Dewoll H. Whitney until Fall
of 1842.

On the 10th day of October my wife died after a severe sickness of
3 months & being delivered of a Son the same day of her death, which lived
12 hours. His name is Nauvo.
I remained alone a felt as though I had lost some part of myself, for truly she was a great helmsman to me & how thankful I felt, thinking I shall see her again to enjoy each other's society forever to part no more, & also my two little ones, Joseph Jr. and Sarah, for my desire is to live long upon the earth to see that all things are prepared to meet them, all in the Celestial Kingdom of glory in the presence of God, standing at the head according to the order and glory of God.

And on 29 April 1843, I according to Pres. Joseph Smith & Council & others, I agreed to stand by Sarah Ann Whitney as though I was supposed to be her husband and a pretended marriage for the purpose of shielding them from the enemy (she was wife of the prophet's (me)counsel of marriage before the enemy) and for the purpose of bringing about the purposes of God in these last days as spoken by the mouth of the Prophet, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and also Joseph Smith & Sarah Ann should receive a great glory honor, & eternal life & I also receive a great glory, honor & eternal life to the full desires of my heart in having my companion Caroline in the First Resurrection to claim her & no one have power to take her from me & we both shall be exalted & enthroned together in the Celestial Kingdom of God enjoying each other's society in all of the fulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, & our little ones with us as is received in this blessing that Pres. Joseph Smith sealed upon my head on the 25

Mar. 1843 as follows:

I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ to bestow upon thee a Patriarchal Blessing according to the power & authority of the Holy Priesthood vested in me; I say unto thee, thou shalt be blessed with the good things of this world abundantly in thy lifetime & I seal thee up to come forth in the First Resurrection unto eternal life and thy companion Caroline who is now dead, thou shalt have in the First Resurrection for I seal thee up for and behalf to come forth in the First
...a resurrection unto eternal lives (and it shall be as though she was present herself) & then shall have her & she shall be thine & no one shall have power to take her from thee. And you both shall be crowned & enshrined to dwell together in a Kingdom in the Celestial Glory in the presence of God & you shall enjoy each other's Society and embraces in all the fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for then shall receive the Holy Anointings & Endowments in this life to prepare you for all those blessings even so.

Ann. (Witnesses to above blessing— N. K. Whitney; Elizabeth Ann Whitney; & Sarah Ann Whitney)

I remained with Horace K. Whitney until 23 July, 1843 & left Nauvoo, 23 July 1843.

The City of the Saints, on a mission in the New England States, amongst some of my relatives, but they did not wish to hear my preaching but despised me because I preached the pure principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ & I could not enjoy myself in their Society and went among the people & preached the word when ever they would hear me & baptized 4 and left some others believing & on my return here I went North & visited Caroline's relatives, & conversed with them upon the principles of the Gospel & they received me kindly but did not receive the word I delivered unto them.

I left & came as far as Ohio & heard of the murder of Joseph & Hyrum Smith, the Prophet & Patriarch, which I could not believe until it came repeatedly to be the truth, that they were actually murdered by a mob while in Jail at Carthage & for no other reason, than for the truth's sake, they being holy men & prophets of God sent to warn the people of the last days, & bring to pass the Dispensation of the fullness of times.

I remained in Kirtland, Ohio 5 or 6 days then came in company with Horace K. Whitney to Nauvoo & landed safely here 28 July 1844 which was a great blessing to me to see my friends once more. On the 2nd day of Aug. 1844, I received a Patriarchal Blessing under the hands of Patriarch John Smith as follows: August 1844.
I lay my hands upon thy head & seal a Father's Blessing upon thee in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, having a commission from Him to bless those who have no Father. Thou art entitled to all the blessings which the servants of God sealed upon their children in ancient days which is a fullness of the Melchizedek Priesthood with all the blessings thereof. Thou art a lawful heir to these things because thou art a son of Joseph the son of Jacob who was sold into Egypt. Thou shalt be a Savior on Mount Zion with power to save all thy dead friends with many if not all thy living ones & a great multitude of others shall rejoice with thee with thy companion in the resurrection of the just. It is thy privilege to have the ministering of angels and to converse with them in all times of need.

Thy posterity shall be numerous in the earth. The weakest of thy sons shall be like David of old. Thy daughters also shall be honorable amongst the Saints. I seal this blessing also upon their heads throughout all their generations. Thy name shall be had in honorable remembrance to the end of time.

Thou art called to proclaim the Gospel to many people. It is left to thy enojee in what part of the Vineyard thou shalt labor & according to the whisperings of the Spirit thou wilt preach to the Gentiles & Jews, the Lamanites, also shall hear thy voice; & the sands shall obey the Gospel thru thy teachings & no power shall stay thine hand, no enemies shall prevail against thee for the angels of the Lord shall chase them away. Kings & rulers & great men of the earth shall tremble at thy word. Thou shalt bring thy store of thousands to Zion & thy Companion shall be there & shall spread a table for she shall have an abundance of the good things of the earth & thou shall eat at the head of the table & bless the food with all thy believing children that thou hast gathered out from among the nations in the name of the Lord. Thou shalt live to see the temple which the Lord hath said shall be built in this generation. Thou shalt receive...
an Endowment in it which shall unfold to thy mind all the glories & blessings of mysteries of all things relating to Zion. Thou shalt be properly satisfied and shall have every desire of thy heart if thou wilt be faithful—not one word of this blessing shall fail for I seal it upon thy head by the authority vested in me & I seal thee up to Eternal Life, Amen.

I remained here in Nauvoo a few days & then went over in love a preached some under the direction of the Twelve & was backwards & forwards as occasion required until 22 Nov. 1844. I went to the Temple Office to do business under direction of trustees: Bishop Havel K. Whitney & Bishop George Miller.

On the 4th day of June 1845 I received my first anointing and was received into the Quorum of the Priesthood & met with the ordinances at times, offered up prayer & received instructions very beneficial & on

The 6th year my wife was sealed to me although dead,(Caroline) Bertha Adelia Moore acting as Proxy in her behalf for time & eternity, done by Pres. Heber C. Kimball the 2nd year of the Twelve, also ----- Horace A. Moore was sealed to me as a wife for time & eternity at the same time.

(Witnesses: H. E. Whitney; Ann E. Whitney; Thomas Moore; H. C. Kimball the President who pronounced the blessing.)

I was daily employed under the direction of the Trustees at the Temple Office & on the 10th Dec. 1845, I received an Endowment in the upper room of the Temple in Nauvoo or the City of Joseph, also was sealed to Bishop H. E. Whitney as his son on 27 Jan 1846 the same time and Horace A. Moore & Lorenz K. Pem & were sealed to him as his daughters & the two daughters were sealed to me to be my wives for time and eternity by Pres. Brigham Young & on 28 or 29 Jan. 1846, I received my 2nd anointing with my two wives, under the hands of Pres. Orson Pratt in the North West Room in the upper part of the Temple in the City of Joseph and these blessings I feel to be thankful for & I pray I may always remember the goodness of the Lord to me & I am making preparations with many other brethren to enter to go to the wilderness in the spring.

I being prepared took my Journey on 28 Feb. 1846 with Sarah my beloved.
wife and Loenza my wife & Mary Houston, Sarah's handmaid & Caroline. Sarah assisted in Company with Bishop H. E. Whitney, my Gospel Father. We traveled very slowly, being in a great Company, bad weather, & muddy roads. On 8th Sarah was delivered of a son, in the Valley of David. After 8th, I was taken sick & suffered much, but thru the mercies of the Lord I recovered.

On the forpart of May, Sarah want to live with Price Kimball (her husband for time) I was left with my real wife Loenza to journey by ourselves. We reached Council Bluffs in June about the middle & after making some preparations for provisions in Missouri, we crossed the Missouri River & stopped at the Old Springs 5 or 6 weeks then I journeyed on about 16 miles & stopped on the Prairie & gave the name of Cutler's Park.

Here we prepared for winter, in cutting hay & here Dorcas my wife came to live with me in August 1843 & after a number of weeks we moved about 3 miles & camped by the Missouri River & stopped for Winter & built a stone house & named the place Winter Quarters.

We prepared in the Spring to journey to the Mountains in the next & I started with my family consisting of myself, two wives, Dorcas & Loenza.

We left Winter Quarters the 12th June 1847 in Company with Thomas Moor & Family & Stillman Pond, & Elizabeth, his daughter. After having a long & fatiguing journey of sand dust, we arrived over the mountains & landed in the Valley of Salt Lake on 29 Sept. 1847. Here we prepared to make ourselves comfortable for Winter & also put in wheat for our bread the coming year. We are now in the Fort, comfortable for the Winter, & doing all we can to raise our living in tilling the earth. June 23, 1848.

Soon after or about 2 months after our arrival in the Valley of Great Salt Lake I had a daughter born unto me by my wife Dorcas on 18 Nov. 1847 where we first settled, in the Fort. (That was Deshun) I lived about...
one and a half years there & moved out on our Lots & the Fort was broke up and my lot numbered 8 on Block 19 new survey - on June 27. Ear. 1849 (27th May 1849)

I had another daughter born by my wife Leenza & named it Vilate Annibeth.

I built on my lot, & I labored continually to support my family & make myself comfortable & the company, and on 22 Jan, 1849 I had another daughter born by my wife Dorcas & called her name Josephine. & she now tolerably well situated Feb. 3, 1850. I remained in the city of Great Salt Lake on my lot in the Second Ward, doing the best I can to support myself & family laboring with my hands in tilling the earth & helping the company. However in June 1850 I was prospered in obtaining money by Ferrying on Weber River in Company with 6 brethren, & in 20 days we made to each of ourselves $500. Which was a great help & benefit to me to aid me to live & there I was enabled to obtain a yoke of Oxen & Hogs & by my labor obtain a comfortable living & I have acted as Bishop, & as a Counselor to Bishop Lowry, and after his leaving, I acted as Counselor to Bishop Grove, & after that he moved out of the 2nd Ward I was appointed Bishop at April Conference 1851, & ordained at a Bishop's Meeting in the Council House in Great Salt Lake July 15, 1851 by Pres. Daniel Spencer & Bishop Edward Hunter, & I endeavor to do my duty in this office in the 2nd Ward.

In the year 1850 Oct 17, I had a daughter born to me by my wife Leenza & named her Martha; & also in Jan. 7, 1852 I had a daughter born to me by my wife Dorcas & named her name My Ophelia.

I am now in good health & intend to go to Green River in April to Ferry in Co. with 6 brethren. I now date this writing here.

29, 1852: I went to Green River as above stated & by the means I obtained Ferrying I was able to help myself & pay up my debts. I arrived home from the Ferry the forepart of August & found my family in good degree of health & as I had a large family I thought best to go out on a farm, & went & went & asked Pres. Young & he said to "Go on a Farm & raise all the stock of all kinds you can."
While I was gone South in search of a place I had a daughter by my wife Luanna on 18 Sept. 1862 & named her Mariah Luanna. I sold my City Improvements to Dr. Must & went North 40 m in the City of Ogden & bought a Farm & moved the 16 Oct. 1862 & coming Spring the water being so high that it covered my farm, that it was no benefit to me. In June I sold out & expect to move on to Weber & settle & my wife Luanna had a bad cough all winter, it settled to Consumption & on 15 June at 2 o'clock in City of Salt Lake, she died & left this life, in the flesh, but she lives & can & will live a her child.

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Copying from another paper I found the followings (from life of Jos. C. Kingsbury)

A blessing which my wife Dorcas A. Moore Kingsbury received under the hand of patriarch John Smith Aug. 2, 1844:


I lay my hands on thy head by request of Father in the name of Jesus of Nazareth & seal a Father's Blessing upon thee. Thou art of the blood & lineage of Joseph thru the loins of Ephraim & as heir to all the blessings of the First Covenant & also to the Holy Priesthood which shall enable thee to redeem thy dead friends & also to thy living ones & to be instrumental in bringing many to the knowledge of the truth. Thou shalt be a teacher of children of the Lamanites, to teach them the science of letters, & learning also spinning & weaving & knitting work & all sorts of making apparel for Saints of the last days here (sic) to make their own clothes. Thou shalt have a companion which shall be exactly suited to thy wish & requirements of posterity. Two of thy sons shall put ten thousand of the enemy to flight, Thy daughters shall assist thee greatly in thy
labor among the Lamanites. Thy Companion shall also encourage thy heart. 
And strengthen thy hands. He shall Baptize a bring his Themanu iza to thee 
for instruction. Thou shalt have riches in abundance also possess the 
riches of eternity. Thy name shall be had in everlasting remembrance like 
Doreas of old, & this Blessing shall be had among thy children to all 
generations. Thou shalt Have to see the Curtains of Zion extend over the 
whole Eastern Continent of America & her children dwell in peace & in all 
the glories & blessings which you desire if you live humble and one word shall fail which hath been spoken for I seal it upon thy hand by the 

A Blessing which Lozana Almira Kingsbury received under the hand of Patriarch John Smith in Winter Quarters 19 Feb. 1947, Omaha, Nebraska.
A blessing by John Smith Patriarch on the head of Lozana & Kingsbury daughter of Stillman & Almira B. Pond, Born in Wooten County, Massachusetts Feb. 15, 1820s.

Sister Lozana, in the name of Jesus Christ, by the authority which has been given me I place my hands upon thy head & seal upon thee a Father's Blessing for thou art a daughter of Jacob thru the loins of Joseph & thou hast a right by an inheritance to all the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob & all the power & privileges of the Priesthood with thy Companion & inasmuch as thou has experienced afflictions, part thru many trials & have not fainted, the Lord is well pleased with thee & thy name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life, & thru faithfulness it shall never be blotted out. The Lord has given His angels charge over thee & they have watched thee from the beginning & they will continue & intend thy causes therefore fear not when troubles arise like a flood about thee. Let thy patience have its perfect work & thou shall not be overcome. Thou shalt see the hand of the Lord has been favorable toward thee for thou shalt know that the Lord is just in all ways & all thy losses shall
Joy shall fill thy bosom. Thou shalt have a posterity that shall be mighty in the earth; none shall be greater in the house of Israel. Thou shalt redeem all thy friends that thou desirest. Shall have faith to build this chief in thy house. Health, peace and plenty shall be in all thy borders. No good thing shall be withheld from thee. Thou shalt live to a good old age. Zion established in peace & the Saints settled in a healthy land. My sister be faithful & abide in the truth & these words shall not fail, for I seal them upon you and thine forever, Amen.

Joseph C. Kingsbury says:

*I bought a small place of Byron Hipley in East Weber & moved here*

26 July 1853 & soon after I moved, orders from Gov. of Territory (which is 2 July 1853) Utah for all the settlements to gather in Forts on account of disturbances with Indians in the South, & so I with the rest of the settlements moved our log houses in a fort. Soon after, 4 Nov. 1853 my wife Joaana was delivered of a poor child & its name is Joseph Thomas Kingsbury. On account of not being properly dealt with she was very sick & with rheumatism setting in & she went to her mother's to be taken care of, & it was the most miserable, sickest winter she ever experienced in her life. For some time she was not expected to live. However by good care she was much better, when her father's family moved to California, & then she came home, but her folks wanted us to go with them, being anxious about her, & could take us free of expense, but I did not feel free to go without being in good feelings with the Church & go with their approbation & as council was to stay here until sent, therefore I did not go & as I wish to be obedient to the Lord's command I therefore wish to tarry. Mr. Thomas move a family started on 4 April 1854 & they said that dozens their daughter they did not expect that she would live 6 months. However she had a poor time for 3 months but still gained a little & then gained a little faster, & after a few months was able to be about her work, but not in good health.

*She had a girl during all the time of her sickness - Help will lack*
time it hindered us from doing so much for the benefit of my family as I
might therefore it ran us a close race for the comforts of life. However
we did the best we could.

I raised about 30 bushels of wheat & 60 bushels of potatoes, & some
little garden such as beets & melons which helped some.

I took a SCHOOL the following winter 1854 & 5, but with little benefit
to what I expected. This season 1855, I cured 6 to 7 bushels of wheat &
Dorcas my wife was quite sick for 3 or 4 months in the spring which hindered
me much from labor, but I did the best I could to raise something for my
family to live on again the Grasshoppers did me much damage, & at the
time of harvest, I gathered about 25 bu. wheat, & 10 bu. potatoes & a
few Squash. Therefore I was obliged to sell a cow, in order to get something
to eat, but I expect to continue somehow to obtain more flour to subsist
upon until harvest again. I have a large family of children, 6 living at
home with me & two at Great Salt Lake City, Martha Ann with Mr. Jeremiah
Woodbury and Mariah Leomie with Sebaon Lewis, his wife, Elizabeth Wood is
her aunt.

My health is not very strong at present, but is gaining. My circumstances
very low to sustain my family. The reason being sickness of my family. But
now to enjoy health, My wife Dorcas was delivered of a daughter & her name
is Elizabeth Mahala. Dorcas's health is better than she ever was before,
after the child's birth, & very good for her. And I hope she will be better
than she ever was, & if we all can enjoy health I think we can make a living
of it to be prospered in our labors.

This is Dec 15, 1855

I remained at East Weber & labored to support my family until Spring
of 1856, but not having very good quantity of land it was hard to get along.
Dorcas had to take a Mr. James Roberry to board for which the Church
paid us 3,30 a week & he caused my wife a good deal of trouble, it was
sometimes very disagreeable & Dorcas stood it remarkably well for her,
and is weakly constituted, & worked very hard to get along a Mr. Roberry.
bearded with us 1½ years, and the winter of 1857 I was chosen to be the 2nd Counselor to Thomas L. Obed on as he was appointed Bishop of Salt Lake City. After Bishop A. Woodworth was removed. In Feb. 1858, I moved up to work on Higley's Farm to carry it on for the season to have his cows to milk. Also in March the word came for all the Northern settlers to move South as possible, on account of our fixing to move, my wife Dora was not very well all the time & was obliged to do a good deal of the cooking & caring for the children & was not able in consequence of this, to earn anything by her hands was very difficult, & we & our children were in want of clothing, & I sold my only yoke of cattle for $110. & got something we needed a tried & a squeeze & got another yoke of cattle & a small Studebaker wagon & fell in debt $30, for them, & we were unable to raise the first thing the Season of 1858.

Then peace was made with the Company sent here by the United States, we who moved South had the privilege of moving back if we choose & as John Whitney wanted me to come on his farm 4 miles from Great Salt Lake City, & help him harvest, I did so & moved my family on John & Joshua Farm, going to Church Farm & helping harvest & getting what crop they had & have done the best I could to get along & support my family which consists of myself, wife, & 6 children at home, & Dora as my wife has been unwell most of nearly all the time since. We left Weber Apr. 1858 & now it is May 1859. Mar. 1859.

I came on this farm of Whitney Aug. 2, 1859 & I have the chance of having some land here to occupy a help the boys John & Joshua & have had 4 cows to milk since I came here from the boys which was a real help to my family & I expect to stay here I know not how long. I will mention that in the Fall of 1857 I was called to go North in a military capacity under Capt. T. L. Obed & Colonel Okanuy West to guard the Roy Troops.
from coming in these vales & was gone 2 weeks, & after remaining home a
week I was again called to Echo Canyon & expect to meet the U. S. Army
there, but after remaining there over 3 weeks, was again called home.
And as Dorcas my wife had to see to things out-of-doors & in the house
care for small children, & a Mrs. Woodberry the boarder, it wore on her
health & it was the commencement of the foundation of her being sick & I
think she will now remain health after being sick most of the time for
13 months.

Martha Ann, my daughter living at Mr. Woodberry's went to live with
Benson Lewis last Spring or Winter & is now with them & also Loenga & her
husband this day is 10 Mar. 1869. I wrote the last above mentioning the
being on John & Joshua Whitney Farms 6 mi. from S. L. City & while there
I wrote one time to Brigham Young June 1869 wishing to know if I could
be employed in the Tithing Store with Brother Mill. He sent me word by
Dorcas Whitney that I could, as I made calculations accordingly & gathered
my wheat & hauled it to the City when Pres. D. He Wells saw I could have
a house to live in while on the boys farms stated above, I gathered my
wheat, hauled it to the City & moved my family in Sept. 1869 & commenced
laboring in the Tithing Store and have remained there 6 years. Have prospered
well for which I am thankful for during this time my wife Dorcas bore a
son born 25 Feb. 1864 and was named him David Peace, & now this is a sketch
of my whereabouts for the past years & I am thankful for blessings & privileges
I enjoy, this 12 Oct. 1864 & here I will record the record of my family.

----------This I will insert told by his daughter Elizabeth D. Brooks
She told me that when the little boys were told not to go wading in the
Canal far enough so they couldn't be seen from the house (they were afraid
they might be drowned) & so grandfather told them not to go into the
water. But she says one day they had been in the water in the ditch &
their father Jos. C. Kingsbury (my grandfather) watched their legs with
a willow, which she thought was so terrible for her father to do such a
My Progenitors:

Solomon Kingsbury = my father
Nathanael Pease = my mother
Amanda Melvina Pease Kingsbury (my mother)

Isaac Kingsbury = my grandfather
Joseph Kingsbury = my great grandfather
Mary — my grandmother & do not know her maiden name

Nathan Kingsbury = my father
John Pease Kingsbury = my father's brother

Hannah Kingsbury = my father's brother
Susan Kingsbury = my father's brother
Simeon Kingsbury = my father's brother
Ephraim Kingsbury = my father's brother
Elizabeth Kingsbury = my father's brother
Chimene Kingsbury = my father's brother

Jeremiah Kingsbury = my father's brother
Crocker Kingsbury = my father's brother

Wife Kingsbury = my father's sister
Hannah Kingsbury = my father's sister

Ann Pease = Grandfather on mother's side

Nathanael Pease = grandmother on mother's side
Ann Pease = Uncle on my mother's side

Comings Pease = my grandfather on mother's side
Calen Pease = Uncle on mother's side

Joseph Peacham = my father on mother's side
Mary Peacham = my grandmother on mother's side

Priscilla Stillman = great aunt
Priscilla Stillman = 2nd cousin

Lucinda Ellis = Cousin
Caroline Ellis = Cousin
Benjamin Ellis = Uncle
Nessa Allen = my aunt Nancy's husband my father's sister
My aunt Nancy's first husband (Nessa Allen died) she married Jonathan
Sanborn 2nd Husband
Mary Ema _na Hill = Cousin married Mr. Ladd
Lucien Hill = Cousin (his mother my father's sister)
Samantha Hill = Cousin, his mother my father's sister
Salt Lake City July 5, 1833 - I wrote to Cousin George W. Allen at
Grand Rapids, Kort Co., Mich. and received a more perfect general
of my ancestors.

1st - Henry Kingsbury who came from Creton, Suffolk Co., England landed
in Boston 8 June 1630 where he first settled, he afterwards settled in
Ipswich where he died.

2nd - Joseph Kingsbury = son of Henry
3rd - Nathaniel Kingsbury son of Joseph
4th - Joseph Kingsbury, son of Nathaniel
5th - Lemuel Kingsbury, son of Joseph
6th - Solomon Kingsbury, son of Lemuel
7th - Joseph Kingsbury, (Joseph C. Kingsbury's father) family are as

follows:
He married a lady named Amanda Ha _ma
Bashoba Pease in year about 1807 1st child a daughter named Melvina

Bashoba Kingsbury
2nd child a son Caius Pease Kingsbury
3rd child a son Solomon C. Kingsbury (a twin with No. 4)
4th child a son Joseph Correys Kingsbury (twin with No. 6)
The above are from the first wife.
The 2nd Wife Caroline Jobes by whom were 6 children
1st Henry Delos a son
2nd Cornelia a dau.
3rd Douglas a son
4th Stuart a son
5th Willard a son.

All of my grandfather's children:
1. Joseph born 19 May 1776
2. Alice born 3 Nov. 1778
3. Samuel born 3 Sept. 1777
4. Mary born 16 June 1779
5. Henry born 8 Aug. 1781
6. Horace born 23 Dec. 1783 (my father)
7. Solomon born 4 Jan. 1787
8. Prudence born 6 Jan. 1789
9. Nancy born 14 May 1792
10. Betsey born 8 Mar. 1795

37 Park St. Grand Rapids,
Michigan, July 25, 1893.

Mr. Joseph C. Kingsbury
Salt Lake City, Utah.

My Dear Cousin:

Your welcome letter of July 6, was rec'd. I was pleased to hear from you and pleased to hear you were in good health. There are but a few left of us cousins, which to me is a sad thought. I miss Solomon very much. We had been all our lives associated. You seem anxious to have more of your ancestry. And you wish me to give you what information he has about the Kingsbury's.

Well he has made quite a study in the way of looking up our history and no doubt will give you the desired information. His address is 27
Weathersfield Ave, Hartford, Conn. He visited me in company with cousin Addison Hills two years ago. Delos was here at the time so there were four of us old cousins here together. He had a very pleasant visit. I assume your cousin Hills is a big nice man. We all like him very much. Cousin Addison was 84 years of age. You asked my mother's age also my age, I was born at Enfield, Conn. Sept 17, 1813. So will be 80 Sept 17 this year. You and Solomon were born 2 May 1812, so you are 16 months 13 days older than I am. I will give you the names and ages of all our grandfather's children, namely:

1st- Joseph, born 10 May, 1774
2nd- Alice, born 5 Nov, 1775
3rd- Lemuil born 3 Sept, 1777
4th- Mary born 16 June 1779 (our aunt Hills Addison's mother)
5th- Henry born 8 Aug, 1781
6th- Horace born 23 Dec, 1783
7th- Solomon born 6 Jun, 1787 (J.C. & S.C. Kingsbury's father)
8th- Prudence born 6 Jan, 1789
9th- Nancy born 14 May 1792 (S.A.'s Allen's mother)
10th- Betsey born 6 Nov, 1795 died aged 14 yrs.

Your father died 1832, aged 43 yrs. My mother died 20 Dec, 1870 aged 67 yrs 6 mo. 24 da. Delos is at Eagle River, Wisconsin, where he spent the summer & returns here for winter. He is engaged in Lumber & shingle business. My two sisters Lovina & Elvira reside near us. They are both widows. My two brothers died many years ago. You & Delos are all that are left of your father's children. There were 9 in all, 6 by the first marriage, & 3 by his second.

And now Joseph I would like very much to see you once more at least. We are so many miles apart & so advanced in years that it is not probable that we will meet again in this world. And as to the next world, your being an L.D.S. & I not a Saint it may be doubtful about our meeting in
the next world. I have a full record of your father's family, also Solomon's. I presume you have it all. There have been sad changes in the families of your relatives since you were a dweller among them. Addison is all there is left of our Aunt Hill's family & you seem to think some terrible thing is going to take place soon—you do not state what it is to be nor do you give your reason for thinking so. No my cousin I do not place any faith in any such predictions. Something terrible may occur but that anyone except our Heavenly Father knows what will occur in the future I do not believe.

The account which you sent of the building of your great Temple I peruse. It was a great undertaking, & your people deserve praise for accomplishing so vast an undertaking. Were I one of the Saints, I would take pride in having built such a building & having it to worship in. I have the lines of descent of the Kingsbury's from our eminent ancestor to the present time which I will give you:

Lines of descent of the Kingsbury's from eminient ancestor to present:

1st- Henry Kingsbury who came from Groton, Suffolk Co; was & landed in Boston, Jan. 6, 1630 where he first settled. He afterwards settled in Ipswich where he died.

2nd- Joseph Kingsbury son of Henry

3rd- Nathaniel son of Joseph Kingsbury

4th- Joseph Kingsbury son of Nathaniel, (our great grandfather)

5th- Lemuel Kingsbury son of Joseph Kingsbury (our grandfather)

6th- Solomon Kingsbury son of Lemuel (Joseph C's father)

7th- Joseph C. Kingsbury son of Solomon.

Joseph seems to be the favorite name with the Kingsbury's.

Cousin Ellis will probably give you a fuller account.

With kind regards for you and your family,

I am affectionately, Your cousin,

George W. Allen
History of Joseph Kingsbury

A record of Joseph C. Kingsbury - Giving a sketch of his life, or in the first place his descent & chronology as far back as he has any knowledge or information, & I Joseph C. Kingsbury write this record with my own hands.

On the 10th day of October my wife died after a severe sickness of 3 months & being delivered of a Son the same day of her death, which lived 13 hours. His name is Newel.

And on 29 April 1843, I according to Pres. Joseph Smith & Council & others, I agreed to stand by Sarah Ann Whitney as though I was supposed to be her husband and a pretended marriage for the purpose of shielding them from the enemy and for the purpose of bringing about the purposes of God in these last days & as spoken by the mouth of the Prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and also Joseph Smith & Sarah Ann should receive a great glory honor, & eternal life & I also receive a great glory, honor & eternal life to the full desires of my heart in having my companion Caroline in the First Resurrection to claim her & no one have power to take her from me & we both shall be crowned & enthroned together in the Celestial Kingdom of God enjoying each other's society in all of the fulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, & our little ones with us as is received in this blessing that Pres. Joseph Smith sealed upon my head on the 23 Mar. 1843 as follows:
Brother Joseph --

I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ to bestow upon thee a Patriarchal Blessing according to the power & authority of the Holy Priesthood vested in me: I say unto thee, thou shalt be blessed with the good things of this world abundantly in thy life-time & I seal thee up to come forth in the First Resurrection unto eternal life and thy companion Caroline who is now dead, thou shalt have in the First Resurrection for I seal thee up for and in her behalf to come forth in the First Resurrection unto eternal lives (and it shall be as though she was present herself) & thou shalt have her & she shall be thine & no one shall have power to take her from thee. And you both shall be crowned & enthroned to dwell together in a Kingdom in the Celestial Glory in the presence of God & you shall enjoy each other's society and embraces in all the fulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for thou shalt receive the Holy Anointing & Endowments in this life to prepare you for all these blessings even so, Amen. (Witnesses to above blessing -- N.K. Whitney; Elizabeth Ann Whitney; & Sarah Ann Whitney)

I being prepared took my journey on 28 Feb. 1846 with Sarah my supposed wife and Loanza my wife & Mary Huston, Sarah's handmaid & Caroline. Sarah assisted in Company with Bishop N.K. Whitney, my Gospel Father, & his family. We traveled very slowly, being in a great Company, bad weather, muddy roads & on 8th Sarah was delivered of a Son in the Valley of David & after going thru a very fatiguing journey thru cold & wet, I was taken sick & suffered much, but thru the mercies of the Lord I recovered.

On the forespart of May, Sarah went to live with Pres. Kimball I was left with my real wife Loanza to journey by ourselves & we reached Council Bluffs in June about the middle ...
We are now in the Fort, comfortable for the winter, & doing all we can to raise our living in tilling the earth, June 23, 1848.
History of Joseph Kingsbury

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The History of Joseph C. Kingsbury written by his own hands 1846-

1847-1848-1849-1850-

March 1843 President
Brother Joseph

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and on 29th of April 1843 I according to President Joseph Smith Council & others agreed to Stand by Sarah Ann Whitney as supposed to be her husband & had a pretended marriage for the purpose of Bringing about the purposes of God in these last days as Spoken by the mouth of the Prophets Isaiah Jerusalem Ezekiel and also Joseph Smith, & Sarah Ann Should Read a Great Glory Honor, & eternal lives and I Also Should Read a Great Glory, Honor & eternal lives to the full desire of my heart in having my Companion Caroline in the first Resurrection to claim her & no one have power to take her from me & we both shall be Crowned & enthroned together in the Celestial Kingdom of God Enjoying Each other's Society in all of the fulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ & our little ones with us as is Received in this blessing that President Joseph Smith Sealed upon my head on the Twenty third day of March 1843 as follows -

Brother Joseph - I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ to bestow upon thee a Patriarchal Blessing according to the Power & authority of the Holy Priesthood vested in me I say unto thee thou Shalt Be Blessed with the good things of this world abundantly in thy Life time and I Seal thee up to Come forth in the first Resurrection unto eternal life - And thy Companion Caroline who is now dead thou shalt have in the first Resurrection for I seal thee up for and in her behalf to come forth in the first Resurrection unto eternal lives (and it shall be as though She was present herself) and thou Shalt hail her and She Shall be thine and no one Shall have power to take her from thee, And you both Shall be crowned and enthroned to dwell together in a Kingdom in the Celestial Glory in the presents of God And you Shall enjoy each other Society & embraces in all the fulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ words without End And I Seal these blessings upon thee and thy Companion in the name of Jesus Christ for thou shalt receive the holy anointing & Endowment in this Life to prepare you for all these blessings even So Amen [Witnesses to above Blessing Newel K Whitney Elizabeth Ann Whitney and Sarah Ann Whitney]
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We are now in a fort, comfortable & are doing all we can to Raise our living in tilling the Earth June 25th 1846,)
Letter of Joseph Smith to Newel K. Whitney, his wife and daughter (?)
Dated August 18th, 1842, Nauvoo.

Dear, and Beloved, Brother and Sister, Whitney, and Ac. --
"and Ac" probably Sarah Ann Whitney

According to the "History of Joseph (Corroden) Kingsbury:" (As written by his
own hand 1846, 1847, 1849. 1850 (and later) the following is very interesting:

"And on 29 April 1843, I according to Pres. Joseph Smith & Council &
others, I agreed to stand by Sarah Ann Whitney as though I was supposed to be
her husband and a pretended marriage for the purpose of shielding them from
the enemy (she was wife of the prophet) (mock ceremony of marriage before the
enemy) and for the purpose of bringing about the purposes of God in these
last days & as spoken by the mouth of the Prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah,
Ezekiel, and also Joseph Smith & Sarah Ann should receive a great glory honor,
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full desires of my heart in having my companion Caroline in the First Resurrec-
tion to claim her & no one have power to take her from me & we both shall
be crowned & enthroned together in the Celestial Kingdom of God enjoying each
other's society in all the fulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ & our little
ones with us." (Page 5 of typed transcript by SXXIXIXIXXIXIIIIXIXXI Located
in the Utah State Historical Society, Call No. A 190.)

typed transcript by Rozelia M. Watson copy also located at BYU)

Talked to Rozelia M. Watson on May 10, 1972 and she mentioned that in
1944 she copied from 2 or 3 little books (black books?) which was in the
possession of Francis Taylor and that Ronald L. Kingsbury has them at the
present time. The DUP has 22 two pictures of Joseph C. Kingsbury.

Rozelia corrected grammatical errors but no meanings were changed. The "History"
was like a Journal. She used ( ) to explain what was meant. Joseph C.
Kingsbury and Sarah Ann Whitney worked at Joseph Smith's Store.

Rozelia Massey Watson. She has a picture of Joseph C. Kingsbury.
OLIVER COWDEERY'S SKETCH BOOK,

February 1836

Wednesday, 3. Attended school. At evening went to a wedding at bishop Whitney's; elder Joseph C. Kingsbury was married to Caroline Whitney, sister of bishop Whitney.

36 Joseph C. Kingsbury (1812-1898) was born 2 May 1812 in Eastfield, Connecticut, and was baptized in January 1832 in Kirtland. On 13 January 1835 he was appointed to the High Council in Kirtland in the place of Orson Hyde who had been ordained an Apostle. Kingsbury migrated to Utah in 1847 and served as a bishop of the Salt Lake City Second Ward.

(BYU Studies Vol. 12, No. 4, page 421.)
Reference to Sarah Ann Whitney:
History of Utah by Orson F. Whitney md. to Heber C. Kimball VOL 4

The Kingsbury family plans to publish this history. Where and when, in the Utah Historical Quarterly?

Does the family plan to keep them or donate them to one of the libraries in this area.

What about the Utah Historical Society.

Saw history - Jan, 17, 1973
No mention in his history of writing the revelation on polygamy

Other material on JCK:
1. Testimony May 27, 1886 Historical Record Vol 6, p 226
2. Temple Lot Case (1879) pp 332-343
3. Israel H. Smith, Saints' Herald Aug 25, 1945
Adoption. 14th August, 1838. (Logan Temple)


Adopted to

Witnesses:

W. W. Marshall, clerk

Recorded

A Patriarchal and Sealing Blessing From
Under The Hands of Joseph Smith the Prophet.

Brother Joseph G. Young says: I lay my hands upon my head in the name of Jesus Christ to bestow upon the A Patriarchal Blessing according to the Power and Authority of the Holy Priesthood vested in me. I say unto thee thou shalt be blessed with the good things of this world, abundance in thy life time, and I seal thee unto eternal life in the first resurrection unto eternal life and thy companion who is now dead, thou shalt have in the first resurrection, for I seal thee for and in her behalf to be with me in the first resurrection unto eternal lives (and it shall be as though she was present herself) and thou shalt have her and she shall be thine, and no one shall have power to take her from thee. And ye both shall be crowned and Endued to dwell together in a

Him nem in the celestial glory in the presence of God, and you shall enjoy each other, all the blessings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ forever.
Stuart Kingsbury, Brother
Wabunze Kingsbury
Simeon Kingsbury, Jr.
Joseph Kingsbury, Jr.
Simeon Kingsbury, Jr.
Vilas Kingsbury, Jr.
Mark Kingsbury, Jr.
Mason Kingsbury, Jr.
Sabey Kingsbury
James Kingsbury
Linnea Kingsbury
Ebenezer Kingsbury
Jerome Kingsbury
Crockett Kingsbury
Benjamin Ellis, Uncle
Scotia Kingsbury, Auntie

S. Kingsbury, Jr.
Henry Kingsbury, Jr.
Lucinda Hill, Grandaunt
Ala Prade, Great Tante, Mother's Side
6 Commons Plants, Great Gran'tante
Territory of Utah
County of Salt Lake

On this Seventh day of March A.D. 1870 personally appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary Public in and for Said County Joseph C. Kingsbury who was by me Sworn in due form of law and upon his oath deposed and Saith, that on or about the Fifteenth day of July A.D. 1843, in the City of Nauvoo, Hancock Co. State of Illinois, he wrote the Revelation on Celestial or plural marriage from the mouth of Bishop Newel K. Whitney as he read from the original, which was in his possession Just previous to its reported destruction by Emma Smith. and that the same, as published in the Deseret News Extra of September fourteenth 1852 is a true copy of the original.

Joseph C. Kingsbury
Subscribed and Sworn to by the Said Jos. C. Kingsbury the day and year first
above written.

James Jack
Notary Public

[Note: Also found in second untitled record book, p. 18.]
his being married Sarah Ann Whitney, the eldest daughter of Bishop Pricel B. Whitney & Elizabeth Ann Whitney, his wife. And the Prophet Joseph told me personally that he had married other women in accordance with the sacred will of God, and spoke concerning the principles as being a command of God for holy purposes.

Joseph Smith, Jr.

 Territory of Utah
 County of Salt Lake 1843

Thence certify that the forgoing statement of Joseph C. Whitney, concerning the Revocation of Celestial covenants of Abraham and the making of a copy thereof by him, was by said officiant read to my presence on the 32d day of May 1854, previous to his signing the same, that after reading it aforesaid and on the date aforesaid, he did then and there subscribe his name thereto and was thereby hereby named duly sworn to the same by me, as he is competent in every particular and did so swear that the same is true.

In witness whereof I hereunto:

Chas. W. Hayner
Notary Public
Salt Lake Co., U.S.
seph commenced to dictate the revelation on celestial marriage, and I wrote it, sentence by sentence, as he dictated. After the whole was written, Joseph asked me to read it through, slowly and carefully, which I did, and he pronounced it correct. He then remarked that there was much more that he could write, on the same subject, but what was written was sufficient for the present.

Hyrum then took the revelation to read to Emma, Joseph remaining with me in the office until Hyrum returned. When he came back, Joseph asked him how he had succeeded. Hyrum replied that he had never received a more severe talking to in his life, that Emma was very bitter and full of resentment and anger.

"Joseph quietly remarked, 'I told you you did not know Emma as well as I did!' Joseph then put the revelation in his pocket, and they both left the office.

"The revelation was read to several of the authorities during the day. Towards evening Bishop Newel K. Whitney asked Joseph if he had any objections to his taking a copy of the revelation; Joseph replied that he had not, and handed it to him. It was carefully copied the following day by Joseph C. Kingsbury. Two days after the revelation was written Joseph related to me and several others that Emma had so received, and urgently entreated him for the privilege of destroying it, that it became so weary of her teaching, and to get rid of her annoyance, he told her she might destroy it and she had done so, but he had consented to her wish in this matter to pacify her, realizing that he knew the revelation perfectly, and could rewrite it at any time if necessary.

"The copy made by Joseph C. Kingsbury is a true and correct copy of the original in every respect. The copy was carefully preserved by Bishop Whitney, and but few know of its existence until the temporary location of the Camps of Israel at Winter Quarters, on the Missouri River, in 1846.

"After the revelation on celestial marriage was written Joseph continued his instructions, privately, on the doctrine, to myself and others, and during the last year of his life we were scarcely ever together, alone, but he was talking on the subject, and explaining that doctrine and principles connected with it. He appeared to enjoy great liberty and freedom in his teachings, and also to find great relief in having a few to whom he could unbosom his feelings on that great and glorious subject.

"From him I learned that the doctrine of plural and celestial marriage is the most holy and important doctrine ever revealed to man of the earth, and that without obedience to that principle no man can ever attain to the fullest of exaltation in celestial glory.

(Signed) WILLIAM CLAYTON.
"Salt Lake City, February 16th, 1874."

JOSEPH C. KINGSBURY'S TESTIMONY.

The following statement was given under oath before Charles W. Stager, a notary public, in Salt Lake City, May 22, 1886:

"In reference to the affidavit of Elder William Clayton, on the subject of the celestial order of patriarchal marriage, published in the Deseret Evening News of May 20th, 1886, and particularly to the statement made therein concerning myself, as having copied the original revelation written by Brother Clayton at the dictation of the Prophet Joseph, I will say that Bishop Newel K. Whitney handed me the revelation above referred to on either the day it was written or the day following, and stating that it was asked of me to take a copy of it. I did so, and then read my copy of it to Bishop Whitney, who compared it with the original which he held in his hand while I read to him. When I had finished reading, Bishop Whitney pronounced the copy correct, and Hyrum Smith coming into the room at the time to fetch the original, Bishop Whitney handed it to him. I will also state that this copy, as also the original, are identical the same as that published in the present edition of the Book of Doctrine and Covenants.

"I will add that I also knew that the Prophet Joseph Smith had married other women beside his first wife—Emma; I was well aware of the fact of his having married Sarah Ann Whitney, the eldest daughter of Bishop Newel K. Whitney and Elizabeth Ann Whitney, his wife. And the Prophet Joseph told me personally that he had married other women, in accordance with the revealed will of God, and spoke concerning the principle as being a command of God for holy purposes.

(Signed) JOSEPH C. KINGSBURY.

THOMAS GROVER'S TESTIMONY.

"FARMINGTON, Davis Co., Utah, Jan. 10, 1885.

"A. M. Musser:"

"Your note is before me, and I answer with pleasure.

"Now, concerning the matter about which you ask information, I don't know of any member of that High Council living except myself. Leonard Soby may still be living.

President Joseph F. Smith: "I want to tell you another little circumstance connected with Brother Joseph C. Kingsberry. He is the man that made the first copy of the revelation on celestial marriage, and is a man in whom the Prophet Joseph had absolute confidence as an honorable, honest man, and entrusted to him the personal care of a branch of his family. He is a man who never betrayed a trust that was ever imposed in him by the Prophet Joseph Smith, and I do not believe he ever betrayed a trust that any man ever imposed in him; and that is the kind of a man that will stand the test, and will obtain eternal life. Such as he are the type of men that will endure in the faith to the end, because they have integrity, and because when they know the truth they will do it, and they will not waver to the right or the left, if it should take their lives to keep in the straight path.


"Lest there should be a misunderstanding, I will say, it was William Clayton who wrote the revelation on celestial marriage, as the Prophet's scribe, as it flowed from the mouth of the Prophet Joseph. A copy of that document was placed in the hands of Bishop N.K. Whitney, and Brother Joseph C. Kingsberry made a copy of it."

Elder Samuel H. B. Smith

said he was pleased to be present, and felt honored to be invited to participate in services held in honor of the Prophet Joseph Smith. He remembered many things dating back to the days of Nauvoo, although at the time of the martyrdom of the Prophets he was but six years of age. He remembered the Prophet coming to his father's house, and hearing his voice and seeing him a number of times. He well remembered when on the 24th of June, 1844, his father started from the farm on which the speaker then resided on a swift horse to try to reach Carthage if possible in time to save his brethren. "How many times have I heard my father preach the doctrines and principles that were enunciated through the Prophet Joseph Smith, and those teachings fastened hold on my mind and have been with me like a guiding star. I can bear my testimony to you that Joseph Smith was the greatest man except Jesus Christ that ever lived upon this earth. I have carried this testimony of the divinity of the mission of Joseph Smith all through my life, and I pray God I may ever retain it."

Bishop Robert T. Burton

was the next speaker. He said he knew the Prophet Joseph Smith. He was ordained to the priesthood and set apart to his first mission under the hands of Hyrum Smith, brother of the Prophet and father of President Joseph F. Smith. He was on guard in the city of Nauvoo at the time the martyrdom of the Prophets occurred, and well remembered the conditions, and scenes of those times. The speaker thought prior to that time, and as far as he knew, the Latter-day Saints thought it was not possible to take the life of Joseph, the Prophet of God. He had many, many times been arrested, held in custody, and tried, but always acquitted of any charge brought against him. His life was often in imminent peril, but invariably something intervened to preserve his life until the people began to think the wicked could not destroy the life of that great man; and when the awful news came, nobody can tell or feel as those felt who had their lives wound up in that man, the degree of gloom and sadness that pervaded every person in the city of Nauvoo. A large number of the people were in the militia over whom Joseph Smith had been the superior officer.
A brief sketch of the early life of Chas. B. Thompson, the founder of the Monona County Colony, will better enable us to understand his subsequent career, and we give it from his own written sketch of himself.

With relation to the revelation to Joseph Smith as to polygamy, I have this personal information to add, which I believe has never been published. A member of Congress from Northwest Iowa was in Salt Lake City when the memorial funeral services were held after the death of Brigham Young, and through an official acquaintance was permitted to attend. One of the survivors of the early day of Joseph Smith spoke on that occasion, and attempted to give the true history of that revelation, because even among Mormons, it had been claimed there never had been such a revelation. The speaker was the official clerk of the Church, or recorder of the Church, and said that Smith came to him and handed him the writing which contained the authorization for plural marriages, which had come to him, Smith, as a divine command, and that it was to be recorded and promulgated as a law of the Church. This secretary kept it, and made a copy of it. That shortly after this Joseph Smith came back and wanted the revelation paper, saying he had told his wife about it, and she was very much excited, and was making a great fuss over it, and he would have to pacify her by destroying the revelation, and took it away with him. This accounted for the original not being found among the records, but the speaker on this occasion spoke as being a living witness to the fact that polygamy came as a divine command to Joseph Smith. The congressman was surprised to find that in the full newspaper accounts of these funeral exercises nothing was said of this part of the proceedings, and concluded that it was intended for Mormon ears only.

Chas. Blancher Thompson was born January 27th, 1814, at Niskanna, Schenectady county, New York. His father was a Quaker; his mother died when he was three years old, and his father supported him until he was eight, from which time up to when he was fourteen he earned his own living, and then commenced to learn the tailor's trade. At 17 years old he became interested in religion and at 18 joined the Methodist church, and com-
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MONONA COUNTY, IOWA, MORMONS.

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The origin and development of the Mormons as a religious body, and a social and civil organization, during this century is part of the history of the United States; and the rise and fall of the colony at Preparation, Monona County, Iowa, should have its record added to the others. This colony was founded by Charles Blancher Thompson, and something of his former career and his previous connection with the general body of Mormons, throws much light on the actual origin of this settlement at Preparation.

The Mormon church, or as the Mormons themselves styled it, "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints," as a religious sect was founded at Manchester, New York, in 1830, by Joseph Smith, a poor, uneducated young man then about 25 years old, born in Vermont, who several years previously claimed to have had revealed to him the place where the engraved plates of the Book of Mormon, a supplement to the New Testament, were buried. These, it was claimed, were found, translated, and Smith under them declared God's Prophet.

Smith, in his youth, is reported to have been an overgrown, lazy, good-for-nothing story-telling creature. He claimed to see visions, and to be able to locate hidden treasures by a witch hazel rod.

We avail ourselves of this opportunity to add to the recorded history of his early career, a few items which we understand are not given in any published account of his life, or of Mormonism. The fact that he lived in Pennsylvanian for a time has never been so mentioned. The following matters were furnished me by Mr. E. W. Skinner, of Sioux City, Iowa, who acquired them from his parents and grand-parents, as having occurred in the place of Mr. Skinner's birth:
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WIFE: Eliza Partridge

FATHER: Solomon KINGSBURY
MOTHER: Bathsheba (Bashua Amanda) (Bathahua) PEASE

COMPLETE NAME: Joseph Corodon KINGSBURY
NAME VARIANT: Corodon or Crodon
CONQUERORS OF THE WEST

EVELINE JEANET, b. 15 Apr 1838. D. Child.
EMILY JANE, b. 24 Mar 1840. Md. Isaac M. Behunin.
SUSAN NANCY, b. 23 Dec 1847. D. Child
MARY ELIZABETH, b. 16 Oct 1847. D. Child
GEORGE WILLIAM, b. 9 Nov 1856.
FRANCIS Enoch, b. 21 Sep 1858, Md. Julia Dodge.
JAMES ALONZO, b. 12 Dec 1861. D. Child
JOHN LORENZO, b. 19 Jan 1864. D. age 10.

Submitted by: Gary Turnbull

JOSEPH CORDON KINGSBURY

Born: 25 May 1812, Endfield, Hartford, Connecticut
Parents: Solomon and Bathshebe Amanda Peas Kingsbury
Died: 15 Oct 1898, Salt Lake City, Utah
Arrived in Valley: 29 Sep 1847, Abraham O. Smoot’s Hundred

Married 1st: Carolyn Whitney
Date: 3 Feb 1836, Kirtland, Ohio
Died: 16 Oct 1842, Nauvoo, Illinois

Married: Sarah Ann Whitney (In name only.)
Date: 29 Apr 1843, Nauvoo, Illinois. She was the Prophet’s
polygamous wife before polygamy was known to the people.
Dissolved in 1845 after the Prophets death.

SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS

Married 2nd: Dorcas Adelia Moore
Date: 4 Mar 1845, Nauvoo, Illinois
Born: abt 1828, New England
Parents: Thomas and Mahala Moore
Died: 27 Dec 1870, Salt Lake City, Utah

Married 3rd: Loenza Alcena Pond
Date: 26 Jan 1846
Born: abt 1830, New England
Parents: Stillman and Maria Pond
Died: 15 Jun 1853, Salt Lake City, Utah

Married 4th: Eliza Partridge Warren
Date: 26 Sep 1870, Salt Lake City, Utah
Born: 3 Mar 1842, London, England
Died: 13 Dec 1913, Salt Lake City, Utah

Joseph was only one year old when his parents moved to
Painsville, Ohio, and only two when his mother died. His father
died when Joseph was 19. Much of his youth was spent on a farm.
When he was 16, he went to work superintending the weighing of
ore and coal. In 1830, he clerked in a merchant store at Aftabula.
In December 1831, he went to Kirtland where he worked for
Newell K. Whitney. The Whitneys taught him the gospel and he
was baptized in 1832. He helped lay the cornerstone of the
Kirtland Temple.
In about 1835, he was called on a mission to the Eastern
States. Upon his return, he worked for Bishop Whitney and met a
lovely young woman who was a relative of the bishop. They were
married and a year later had a baby boy who only lived about a
year and a half. They moved to Nauvoo where Joseph worked for
Bishop Whitney. Carolyn died in 1842.
In 1843 he accepted another mission call to the Eastern States,
returning a month after the martyrdom. He made a copy, at the
request of Bishop Whitney, of the original revelation on Celestial
Marriage, which assured a copy after the original was destroyed.
He came west with the Whitney’s.
necessitated careful planning. Joseph Smith was married to more than twenty women with whom he regularly cohabited, the marriages not being known by any but the participating parties. In some cases, he would ask a trusted, single, male friend to become a "front husband" for him, to civilly marry one of his plural wives. This was intended to quiet any who might be suspicious. Although the marriage was completely proper and legal, there were to be no conjugal relations between the "front husband" and Joseph Smith's plural wife. The relationship was to be considered temporary; the husband was to provide protection and material support for the wife as long as such might be appropriate and necessary.

The Prophet informed Joseph Kingsbury of the principles of plural marriage in early 1843. He told Joseph privately that the ancient biblical practice of polygamy was "a command of God for holy purposes," and that in obedience to the Lord's command, he had "married other women." If Kingsbury struggled with these new marriage concepts, he did not admit it. He believed that the power of the priesthood given to Joseph Smith was superior to any civil law; he accepted the Prophet's word as sufficient. Nevertheless, most probably Joseph Smith's instructions that Kingsbury civilly marry eighteen-year-old Sarah Ann Whitney were totally unexpected. He had known Sarah Ann since she was nearly six years old when he had first clerked in her father's store in Kirtland; she had been like a sister to him. He must have thought it through carefully before he agreed to do it. On the 29th of April, 1843, he recorded in his journal that he had "agreed to stand by Sarah Ann Whitney as supposed to be her husband & had a pretended marriage for the purpose of bringing about the purposes of God in these last days." 5

Joseph called the union a "pretended" marriage because Sarah Ann had already been sealed to the Prophet, and because, Kingsbury, had agreed to not establish sexual relations with her, even though she was legally his civil wife. The sacrifice for him, for a while at least, was that he would be unable to search for another mate.

The marriage was awkward at best. Legal or not, Joseph and Sarah Ann were only pretenting marriage. In public, they had to treat each other as husband and wife; constantly they had to be aware that there might one day appear something in their conversation or demeanor which could betray their secret. Yet, the problems were rendered less burdensome because Joseph, after Caroline's death, had rented his house to Lyman Whitney and had moved in with Bishop Whitney's family. 3

Joseph's willingness to follow the Prophet's counsel in becoming a front husband resulted in his receiving some of the blessings of the patriarchal priesthood: on the 23rd of March, 1843, about a month before his pretended marriage to Sarah Ann occurred, in a special ceremony, Joseph Smith sealed Kingsbury "to come forth in the first resurrection unto eternal life," and promised that he should have Caroline "who was dead . . . in the first resurrection unto eternal lives (and it shall be as though she was present herself)." 4 The Prophet further stated that in order to prepare for "all these blessings," Joseph would "receive the holy anointing & endowment." Newel K. Whitney, Elizabeth Ann Whitney, and Sarah Ann Whitney were called as witnesses to this special promise to Joseph Kingsbury, and according to the Mormon leader's words, these priesthood blessings were all later realized.

On the 23rd of June, 1843, Joseph Smith was arrested near Dixon, Illinois, on Missouri charges of treason. Joseph and Emma Smith and their children had gone to Dixon to visit Emma's sister, and soon after their arrival, a Missouri officer and an Illinois officer took the Mormon leader into custody. News of the arrest reached Nauvoo on Sunday, the 25th of June. Plans were immediately made to send armed companies by land and by water to rescue the Prophet. Joseph Kingsbury, with about seventy other men, boarded the Church-owned steamboat, Maid of Iowa, on the 26th of June. 6 They had heard that a steamboat of armed men had been chartered to travel up the Illinois River to Ottowa, seize Joseph Smith, and transport him to St. Louis. The Maid of Iowa was to travel up the Illinois River, to intercept any such boats that might have the Mormon Prophet imprisoned on board, and to bring him safe and free to Nauvoo "at all hazards." 7 On board the Maid, the men endured a sleepless, harrowing, non-stop journey down the Mississippi River to Alton, and then up the Illinois River as far as Peru where they learned that the captured Prophet was being taken by land to Missouri via Iowa Territory. Turning around, they stormed non-stop back down to Alton and back up the Mississippi to Quincy where an express reached them with the news that the Mormon leader had been rescued and was safe in Nauvoo.
he and Joseph kept in touch and made plans for their return trip together to the West. In the spring of 1844, Kingsbury travelled north into Vermont to visit Caroline’s kin. Kindly greeted by these people, he labored with them for several weeks. However, they wanted to be friends, and Joseph recorded that they “did not receive the word I delivered unto them.”

In July, 1844, Joseph Kingsbury and Horace Whitney met in Kirtland planning to return to Nauvoo together. Joseph spent the time with his step-mother, Caroline Fobes Kingsbury, and her children. He had been away for five years. How the children had grown! Henry Delos was twenty now. And Cornelia was nineteen. Stuart was seventeen, and Walbridge was twelve. (Little Douglas had died in 1828 at the age of two.) Joseph’s twin, Solomon-Oscar, was moving to Grand Rapids, Michigan, to make a new life as a merchant. He and his wife, Melinda, now had three children: Basha, Gatus, and George. After his own marriage in 1846, Henry also moved to Michigan. Stuart and Walbridge were drawn to Joseph. He had been kind to them, and they were very fond of their big brother who had lived on the country’s frontier and travelled across the states preaching the gospel. Joseph’s visit in 1844 helped to tie the family together. The seeds of love and affection which he had sown would unite the two younger boys with Joseph in the Great Basin.

During the week that Joseph was in Painesville and Kirtland, news came that Joseph Smith and Hyrum his brother had been murdered. At first, Joseph refused to believe the report, but when the news “came repeatedly,” he was finally convinced that the Prophet and Patriarch actually were dead. He and Horace Whitney now changed their plans, deciding to return immediately to Nauvoo. Without stopping to rest, they followed the fastest overland routes and arrived in the Mormon city on the 28th of July, 1844.

Joseph had been away from Nauvoo for exactly one year. The city had changed. With the arrival of the British Saints, the population had grown considerably, and construction of residential property was progressing at an advanced pace. However, there was a sense of confusion among the Nauvoo Saints because of the loss of the stabilizing authority of Joseph Smith.

The two weeks which followed were pivotal. A successor to the Mormon leader needed to be chosen. By the second week of August, 1844, the quorum of the Twelve Apostles established their leadership by virtue of priesthood temple keys which they had received from Joseph Smith. Joseph Kingsbury was strongly in support of the Twelve. In Brigham Young, and Heber C. Kimball, and others of the quorum, he saw a continuity of the doctrine and practice that he had learned from his intimate friend, Joseph Smith, Jr.

During these trying days, on the 2nd of August, Patriarch John Smith gave Kingsbury a father’s blessing, promising him that he should receive the blessings of the ancient endowment, including the fulness of the priesthood. Joseph had waited more than a year to be introduced into the quorum of the anointed, and, as it turned out, he would wait yet another six months. Because of his intimacy with Bishop Whitney, Joseph was well aware of the quorum and its prayer meetings; most probably, it was hard to be patient and wait his turn to be admitted.

Joseph had a genuine concern for the eternal welfare of his relatives, and he took advantage of the new practice of salvation for the dead. Shortly after the Prophet had introduced and explained the doctrine of baptism for the dead in August, 1840, Joseph Kingsbury had been baptized as proxy for his father, Solomon, in the Mississippi River. He had not considered being baptized for all of his dead relatives, however, just for those whom he believed would have accepted the gospel had they had the chance. Joseph’s conversations with his family in Enfield, Connecticut, and Ohio during his eastern states mission (1843-1844) prompted him to do proxy baptisms for four more of his relatives: Malvina Kingsbury Card, his sister; Emily Tracy, first wife of his cousin, Addison Hills; Evelina Hills, Addison’s sister; and Huldah Terry Kingsbury, his uncle Lemuel Kingsbury’s wife. These ordinances were performed by Joseph in the Nauvoo Temple baptism on the 21st of August, 1844.

Sometime in September, 1844, as missionary work and the construction of the Nauvoo House and the Temple were renewed, Brigham Young sent Joseph Kingsbury to visit and preach to the small branches in Lee County, Iowa. Joseph went back and forth across the Mississippi River in this assignment for about three months. In mid-November, he was called to assist Bishop Newel K. Whitney and Bishop George Miller who had been jointly designated on the 9th of August, 1844, as Trustees-in-Trust for the Church of Jesus Christ of
who had never really been his wife, and whom he loved more like a sister than a wife. Neither he nor she had any inclination to become now husband and wife in the full sense. Even though there was no longer any need for Joseph to be the Prophet's front husband, there seemed no easy way to get out of the marriage. Joseph's wife Caroline had now been dead for more than two years; she deeply desired to find a mate of his own. He counseled with Bishop Whitney, Sarah Ann's father, and with Brigham Young, and Heber C. Kimball, and others. At last, in accordance with the Old Testament practice of levirate marriage, in which a widowed wife might raise up posterity for her dead husband, Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball offered themselves as husbands to the Prophet's widows. Given the liberty to "choose for herself," Sarah Ann agreed to be married (or sealed) "for time" to Heber C. Kimball.² Because the law of the priesthood was superior to the law of the land, her former civil marriage to Joseph Kingsbury would be ignored.

Even before Joseph was admitted to the anointed quorum in January, 1845, he had become acquainted with an attractive young girl from Genesee County, New York. Her name was Dorcas Adelia Moore.³ Thomas and Mahala Moore and their children had been converted to the Church in 1840, and had gathered to Nauvoo in early 1843. Joseph Smith took a quick liking to Brother Moore, and the two men maintained a warm friendship to the Prophet's death. When the Mormon leader first met Thomas Moore, he pronounced a blessing on him: "God bless you for ever and ever!" he said. "May the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob rest upon you for ever and ever, and may you sit on thrones high and lifted up, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen."³ Thomas Moore showed his love for the Prophet when he made and gave to him a beautiful riding carriage in May 1843.³ That spring Dorcas Moore was fifteen years old, the second eldest living child in what would be a family of nine children. The Moore's had already lost two sons and a daughter in infancy; a new baby, Annis Leah, would be born in Nauvoo the next year on the 29th of January, 1844. Just when Dorcas and Joseph first met is not known, but by early 1845, when she was seventeen and Joseph was thirty-two, there existed enough closeness between them for Joseph to be considering marriage. But this was very complicated. To the world, and indeed for most of Nauvoo, Joseph was already "married" to Sarah Ann Whitney, and the practice of polygamy in the Church had not yet become publicly known—most probably the Moores themselves did not yet know of it. However, that spring, 1845, things began to come right for Joseph Kingsbury. Sarah Ann's marriage or sealing to Heber C. Kimball (on 17 March 1845)³ would in time free Joseph from that obligation, and the Moores, taught the principles of eternal marriage and made aware of his true situation with Sarah Ann, were favorable to the proposed union.

So it was that on the 4th of March, 1845, Dorcas Adelia Moore was married privately by Brigham Young to Joseph Kingsbury for time and eternity. At the same time, Dorcas stood proxy for Caroline Whitney as Caroline was vicariously sealed to Joseph.³ It was a day long to be remembered, for now, as the Prophet Joseph Smith had promised in 1843, Caroline Whitney was sealed to Joseph Kingsbury, and also, after nearly two years of living in a pretended marriage, Joseph was eternally united to a wife of his own. Necessarily, Joseph and Dorcas' marriage would have to remain a secret for the time being, but that did not matter; they could at least begin to plan their future and their family.

That spring, the Twelve decided that the Saints would have to abandon Nauvoo—the City of Joseph—and move west. Their decision was not made public, however, until September of that year, 1845, when anti-Mormon activities resumed in earnest. But even so, the Twelve encouraged the Saints to continue improving their properties—building fences and cultivating their gardens and farms, and, most important, to complete the temple so that all might receive their promised blessings.

The stonework of the exterior of the temple was finished in May, 1845, and by mid-August, the last shingle had been laid to the roof. Before the end of the month, Brigham Young reported that the dome and cap of the temple had been raised; in late September, he announced that General Conference in October would be held inside this building.

Fifteen carpenters prepared the timbers for the interior of the temple. Workers finished the attic story first, so that ordinance work could be performed there. On the 26th of November, 1845, the painters completed their work on the top story of the temple, and on the 30th of that same month, the anointed quorum met there to worship and Brigham Young dedicated the rooms for temple work.

Joseph Kingsbury had daily contact with the Trustees as well as
During the first few days of July, 1846, the Kingsburys and Whitneys ferried their wagons and all their effects across the Missouri. It was tiresome, dangerous work. The landing on the west side of the river was located at the mouth of a deep, heavily timbered ravine, and the narrow trail to the encampment on the prairie proceeded up steep, muddy bluffs. It required four yoke of oxen to pull a single wagon up the incline.

After successfully getting all of their possessions to the west bank of the river, the Kingsburys and the Whitneys made a three-week camp at Cold Springs while they scouted for a place to spend the winter. By the 4th of August a spot was selected about fifteen miles distant on two rounded ridges, near a spring and a stand of timber. The place was named Cutler’s Park after Father Alpheus Curley. Here the Saints began to prepare for winter by cutting and stacking hay and felling timber for cabins. While Joseph and Loenza Kingsbury were camped at Curley’s Park, Dorcas came to live with them. The Moores had left Nauvoo three or four weeks after the departure of the advance group, thus avoiding the bad weather and muddy roads. Their only suffering had been the usual inconveniences of tent life. Joseph and Loenza and Dorcas now remained together without further separation.

By the first of September, 1846, Brigham Young and other Church leaders decided that Curley’s Park was not a suitable winter camp. Set upon the bluffs, the camp would be exposed to bitter winds from Nebraska’s prairies, and there was insufficient timber to build cabins for everyone. The Camp of Israel moved three miles closer to the Missouri River, and laid out an 820-lot city on the “second shell” of the river bottom. They named their new city Winter Quarters.

Even before the Kingsburys and the Moores and the Whitneys moved down to Winter Quarters, Bishop Newel K. Whitney had left for St. Louis to buy dry goods, groceries, hardware, and materials for setting up a gristmill for the Saints. It was a difficult time for him to leave. The three families were still living in wagons and tents; they were anxious to start work on winter cabins. But the Bishop had to go, and Joseph Kingsbury was left to supervise the move to Winter Quarters, to care for Sister Whitney and the children, and to help Bishop Whitney’s older sons procure timbers for a new house. Soon city lots were selected and cabins began to be erected.

Kingsbury built a small cabin from logs which he cut from the lowland cotton trees. The floors were of cotton wood puncheon and the
[Affidavit of Joseph Kingsbury]

Territory of Utah
County of Salt Lake S.S.

On this Seventh day of March A.D. 1870 personally appeared before me, James Jack, a Notary Public in and for Said County Joseph C. Kingsbury who was by me Sworn in due form of law and upon his oath deposed and sworn, that on or about the fifteenth day of July A.D. 1843, in the City of Nauvoo, Hancock Co. State of Illinois, he wrote the Revelation on Celestial or plural marriage from the mouth of Bishop Newel K. Whitney as he read from the original, which was in his possession Just previous to its reported destruction by Emma Smith. And that the same, as published in the Deseret News Extra of September fourteenth 1852 is a true copy of the original.

Subscribed and Sworn to by the Said Joseph C. Kingsbury
Jos. C. Kingsbury the day and year above written
James Jack
Notary Public

(Joseph F. Smith Collection, Affidavit Book 2:18, LDS archives; typed copy. Original affidavit in Book 3:18.)
Chapter Nine

“A Very Fatiguing Journey”

Although temple work did not cease in Nauvoo until the 8th of February, 1846, the first Mormons crossed the Mississippi River for the west four days earlier. Months of planning and preparation preceded the exodus. Every family of five, leaving the City of Joseph, was asked to have a good wagon, three yoke of oxen, two cows, one thousand pounds of flour, twenty pounds of sugar, two pounds of tea, five pounds of coffee, one rifle, ammunition, and a tent. However, because of lack of money, or, in some cases, lack of commitment, few of the Saints strictly followed the advice of their leaders, and their unpreparedness resulted in disorder and confusion.

When the Church leaders organized the exodus from Nauvoo, twenty-five men were appointed to select and transport one hundred families across the plains to the Rocky Mountains. These captains divided their companies into groups of fifty and the groups of fifty into groups of ten. However, the initial river crossing and camping were so disordered that the organization nearly dissolved. Because of inclement weather, bad roads, and general lack of preparation, the people wandered back and forth between Nauvoo and the first pioneer camp on Sugar Creek; they were making “a perfect waste of food and property.”

At this time, Joseph C. Kingsbury had direct responsibility for four persons other than himself: Loenza, his wife; Sarah Ann Whitney and Mary Houston, plural wives of Heber C. Kimball; and

Kingsbury copy of revelation on plural marriage (courtesy Church Archives)

Completed Nauvoo Temple (Courtesy Church Archives)
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Joseph C. Kingsbury Journal, original ...

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Ronald & Ilene Kingsbury Papers
Joseph Corodon Kingsbury Journals

pp. 12-17
The book was written by Joseph Smith in 1830. It contains a series of private journals and revelations that form the basis of the Book of Mormon, a religious text central to Mormonism. The document is handwritten, with dense, flowing text that indicates a personal and sacred record. The handwriting is clear, with a consistent style that suggests a continuous stream of thought and reflection. The content appears to reflect spiritual and religious revelations, offering insights into the development of early Mormonism and its founder's beliefs and experiences.
The daily journal of entertainment in the...
Here I Grew to Manhood and in my youthfull Days
I had many Serious thoughts of A Devine Being who Created
all things that mine Eyes could behold & being taught that
it was necessary if I wish a happy Existance hereafter
I Must Reverence and Adore his Grate and holy Name and
Worship him and keep all his Commandments. And When
wighty understanding the order of God & the plan of
Salvation I Gladly imbraced it with thanksgiving to the
Most High, for in this my day there are many different
orders of Worship made up after the Immagination of Men
and not after the order of God. & the Whole Wourld became
more or less Corrupted in these men-made orders of
Worship. And the Grate Governor the God of Heaven looked
upon the Situation of the Wourld in its degradad and
Corrupted State and had Compashion and Sent An Angell from
heaven unto Joseph Smith Jr. (3) who Conversed with him
face to man & Showed him the order of Gods Worship the
pure principles Where by Men Might be Saved as in Anthent
days. And When I first heard these things I had deep
reflections thinking that these things might be true
allthough they were considered by the wourld at Large as
falshood & humbugary, but Still it had deep impressions
on my mind & I felt anxious to here for myself of those
who Preached these things. I was about Eighteen or nineteen
years of age When I first heard of the New revelation that
was broat forth by Joseph Smith Jr. from God in the

Book of Mormon.

(3) Joseph Smith Jr. (23 Dec. 1805- 27 June 1844) established
the Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day...
On the 18th Day of Feby 1835 I received a Patriarkle Blessing under the Hands of Father Joseph Smith Sr. (8) as follows:

Joseph C. Kingsbury I Lay my Hands upon thy Head and Pronounce a Fathers Blessing upon thee. The Lord Loveth thee and the Heavens are Full of Blessings for thee and Thou art blessed because of thy diligence in Keeping the Commandments of the Lord. Thou Shall be Blesses and thy Posterity after thee and thou Shalt go forth and thy Young Shall be Loosed & thy Mouth Shall be opened & thou Shall be an instrument in bringing many to the Knowledge of the truth. Thou Shall have power with God & thy Hart Shall Expand like Enoch's of old and thou Shall Stand upon mount Zion When the Lord Shall Come. These blessings I Pronounce & Seal upon thy head in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ Amen.

And on the 5th of March 1835 I Rec'd a Blessing from under the Hands of Elder Sidney Rigdon (9) as follows:

Brother Joseph C. Kingsbury I Lay my Hands upon thy Head in the Name of the Lord and I Ask my Heavenly Father in his name to have mercy upon thee and bless thee. Thou art Called to Go forth unto the Nations and I say my heavenly Father that thou might be prepared for the Great and high Calling where unto thou are Called.

I Secure this blessing with thy wright also in the house of the Lord acccording to that which thou hast done or May here after do So Shall thy wright be among thy Shephen. (8) Joseph Smith Sr. was the first Patriarch to the Church.
On the 16th day of October, 1842, Caroline, My Wife died after a Severe Sickness of three months and being delivered of a Son the Same day of her death. This child lived Thirteen Hours (His Name is Newel). I remain alone. I felt as though I had Lost Some part of myself, for trueley she was a grate help meat to me. How thankful I feel thinking I Shall See and meat her again to enjoy each other Society for Ever to part no more, & also my two little sons Joseph W. & Newel. For my desire is to live long upon the earth to see that all things are prepared to meat them all in the Celestial Kingdom of Glory in the presence of God Standing at their head according to the order & Glory of God.

On the 29th of April 1843 I according to President Joseph Smith's Council & others agreed to Stand by Sarah Ann Whitney (17) as Supposed to be her husband & had a pretended Marriage for the purpose of Bringing about the purposes of God in these last days as Spoken by the mouth of the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and also Joseph Smith,

(17) Sarah Ann Whitney was the daughter of Newel H. Whitney, and therefore a sister-in-law to Joseph C. Kingsbury, she was born 22 Mar. 1823. On 27 July 1842 she Lucane the first plural wife of Joseph Smith Jr. (records show that at least four other women made the same claim). It would seem that because Joseph C. Kingsbury was a widower that he was advised to enter into this secret arrangement. For the next three years Sarah Ann and her handmaid and another woman lived in the Kingsbury household. For 14 years of that time Joseph Kingsbury was on a mission. When he returned to Utah late in 1844 he found the situation somewhat changed. Joseph Smith had been murdered, and Sarah Ann Whitney Smith had been married to Heber C. Kimball, in polygamy. She had a child by Kimball 8 Mar. 1846. In May 1845 she left the Kingsbury roof and went to live with her husband, Heber C. Kimball, and his other wives and family.
I also should rec a Great Glory Honor & Eternal lives to the full desire of my heart in having my Companion Caroline in the first Resurrection to claim her & no one to have power to take her from me. We Both Shall be Crowned & Enthroned together in the Celestial Kingdom of God Enjoying Each others Society in all of the fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and our little ones with us. All is recorded in this blessing that President Joseph Smith Sealed upon my head on the Twenty third day of March 1843 as follows:

Brother Joseph I lay my hands upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ to bestow upon thee a Patriarkle Blessing according to the Power and authority of the Holy Priesthood vested in me. I Say unto thee thou Shall Be Blessed with the good things of this world abundantly in thy life time and I Seal thee up to come forth in the first resurrection unto Eternal Life. And thy Companion Caroline who is now dead thou Shalt have in the first Resurrection for I Seal this up for and in her behalf to come forth in the first Resurrection unto Eternal lives (and it Shall be as though She were present her Self). Thou Shalt hail her and She Shall be thime and no one Shall have power to take her from thee, And you both Shall be crowned and enthroned to dwell together in a Kingdom in the Celestial Glory in the presents of God. You shall enjoy each others Society and embraces in all the fullness of the Gospell of Jesus Christ, Worlds without End. I Seal these blessings upon thee and for thy Companion in the Jesus Christ for thou Shalt receive the holy anointing & Endowment in this Life to prepare you for all these
blessings even So Amen.

Witnesses to the above Blessing:

Newel K. Whitney, Elizabeth Ann Whitney,

and Sarah Ann Whitney (Smith).

I remained with N.K.W. until the 25th July 1843 and left Nauvoo, the City of the Saints, on a Mission in the New England States amongst some of my relatives, but they did not wish to hear my preaching but despised me because I preach the Pure principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and I could not enjoy myself in their society. Went among the people and preach the word wherever they would have me and baptised four and left some others believing.

On my return home I went north and visited Caroline's relatives & conversed with them upon the principles of the Gospel and they received me kindly but did not receive the word I delivered unto them.

I left and came as far as Ohio & heard of the murders (19) of Joseph & Hyrum Smith the Prophet and Patriarch. Which I could not believe until it came repeatedly to be the case that they were actually murdered by a mob while in jail at Carthage, and for no other cause than for the truths sake, they being holy men and Prophets of God sent to warn the people of the last days & bring to pass the dispensation of the fullness of time.

(19) Joseph and Hyrum were murdered by a mob 27 June 1844 while under the protection of the Governor of Illinois. Joseph was 39. Hyrum was (9 Feb. 1800 - 27 June 1844) 44 years old.
I remained in Kirtland Ohio five or six days & came in company with Horace K. Whitney (20) to Nauvoo & landed safely home of the 28th of July 1844 which was a great blessing to me to see my friends once more. On the 2nd day of August 1844 I received a Partiarckal blessing under the hands of the Partiarck John Smith (21) as follows:

I lay my hands upon thy head and Seal A Father's blessing from him to bless those who have no Father. Thou are intitled to all the Blessings which the Servents of God Sealed upon their Children in ancient days which is a fulness of the Melchisedic Priesthood with all the Blessings and Benefits thereof. Thou are a Lawfull heir to these things because thou are a Son of Joseph the Son of Jacob who was sold into Egypt. Thou Shalt be a Saviour on mount Zion with Power to save all thy Dead friends with Many if not all thy living ones and grate Multitude of Others and Shalt Rejoice with them with thy Companion in the Reserrection of the just. It is thy priviledge to have the ministering of angels and converse with them in all times of need.

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(21) John Smith (16 July 1791–23 May 1854) was an uncle to Joseph and Hyrum Smith and the father of Apostle George A. Smith.
Thy Posterity Shall be Numerous in the Earth.

The Weakest of thy Sons Shall be like David of Old.

Thy Daughters also Shall be honorable amongst the Saints. I seal this Blessing also upon their heads throughout all their generations. Thy Name Shall be had in honorable Remembrance to the end of time.

Thou art called to proclaim the Gospel to many people it is Left to thy Choice in What part of the Vineyard thou Shall Labor, according to the whisperings of the Spirit. Thou will preach to gentiles and Jews, the Lamanites also Shall here thy voice and thousands obey the gospel through thy teachings. No power Shall Stay thine hands. No enemies Shall Prevail against thee for the angels of the Lord Shall chase them away. Kings and Rulers and great men of the Earth Shall tremble at thy word. Thou Shalt Bring thy tens of thousands to Zion and thy Companion Shall be there and Shall Spread a table for She Shall have an abundance of the good things of the Earth and thou Shalt Set at the head of the table and Bless the food with all thy believing Children that thou hast gathered out from among the Nations in the name of the Lord. Thou Shall live to see the temple Built which the Lord has Said Shall be Built in this generation.

Thou Shalt receive an endowment in it which Shall infouuld to thy mind all the glories and Blessings and Mysteries of all things Relating to Zion. Thou Shalt be perfectly Satisfied and Shall have every desire of thy hart if thou wilt be faithful. Not one word of
this Blessing shall fail for I Seal it upon thy head
by the Authority vested in me and I Seal thee up to
Eternal Life. Amen.

I remained here in Nauvoo a few days and then went
over in Iowa and Preached Some under the direction of the
Twelve and was Backward & Forwards as casion Required untill
the 22nd Day of November 1844. Went to the Temple office
to do Business under the direction of the Trusteease Vis --
Bishop Newel K. Whitney & Bishop George Miller (22) & on
the ____ day of January 1845 I Rec'd my first Anointing & was
Rec'd into the Corum of the Priesthood. I met with the
Corum at times & offered up Prayer & Rec'd instructions Verry
Benefitrial.

On the 4th day of March 1845 my wife Caroline was sealed
to me, although Leead. Dorcas A. Moor (23) acting as proxsey
in her behalf for time and Eternity done by Pres't Heber C.
Kimball, the 2nd President of the Twelve. (24)

I then married Dorcas A. Moor who was Sealed to me as
a wife for time and Eternity at the Same Time. Witnesses
Newel K. Whitney, Ann E. Whitney, Thomas Moor & Wife, also
Elizabeth Moor & Heber C. Himball the President & Pronounce
the blessings.

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(22) George Miller mentioned D&C 124 v.20.
(23) Dorcas A. Moor (22 Jan. 1828 - 27 Dec. 1869) was the
daughter of Thomas Moor. She had ten children by
Joseph C. Kingsbury, eight of whom survived her. She
died from childbirth. She was a pioneer of 1847. She
died at 41.
(24) Heber C. Kimball (14 June 1801–22 June 1868) First
councilor to Brigham Young, pioneer 1847, friend &
associate of the leaders of the Church.
I am dayley imployed under the directions of the Trustees at the Temple office. On the 8th Dec 1845 I rec'd an Endowment in the upper Room of the Temple in Nauvoo of the City of Joseph. I was Sealed to Bishop N. K. Whitney as his Son on the 27 Jan'y 1846 the Same time Dorcas A. Moor and Loenza A. Pond (25) were sealed to him as his Daughters & the Two Daughters were Sealed to me to be my Wives for time and Eternity by President Brigham Young. (26).

On the 28th or 29th of Jan'y 1846 I Rec'd my Second Anointing with my Two Wives under the Hands of President Orson Pratt (27) in the North East Room in the upper Part of the Temple in the City of Joseph.

These Blessings I feel to be verry Thankful for.

I Pray I may Always Remember the goodness of the Lord to me. I am making preparations with many other Brethren this winter to go to the Wilderness in the Spring. I being prepared Took my Journey on the 28th Feb'y 1846 with Sarah my Supposed wife & Loenza my wife & Mary Horsten, Sarah's Hand Made & Emailine, Sarahs Assistant in Company with Bishop N. K. Whitney my Father and his famaly. We traveled verry Slow being in a grate Company, bad Wether & muddy Roads.

On the 8th March Sarah was delivered of a Son in the Valley of David. (28) After Going through a verry fataguing Journey through cold and Wet I was taken sick and suffered much but through the mercies of the Lord I recovered. On the fore part of May Sarah Went to live with President Kimball, her husband for time, & I was left with my Real Wife Loenza to Journey by ourselves.

(25) Loenza A. Pond (15 Feb. 1830 - 15 June 1853) She was the daughter of Stillman Pond. She bore Jose. C. Kingsbury three daughters then died when the youngest was 9 months old She was a pioneer of 1847. She died at 23 in Salt Lake, Utah.

(26) Brigham Young (1 June 1801-29 Aug.1877) 2nd Pres. of Church.

(27) Orson Pratt (19 Feb - 17th)
A Blessing Which my Wife Dorcas A. Moor Kingsbury
Rec'd under the Hand of Patriarch John Smith August 2'd 1844,
on the head of Dorcas A. Daughter of Thomas & Mahala D.
Moor born January 22'd in the year of our Lord 1828
at Benington, State of New York:

I Lay my Hands on thy head by the Request of thy
Father in the Name of Jesus of Nazareth and Seal a
Fathers blessing upon thee. Thou art of the blood
and lineage of Joseph through the Loins of Ephraim,
and an heir to all the blessings of the New and
Everlasting Covenant Even the holy Priesthood Which
Shall enable thee to Redeem thy Dead friends & also
the living ones & to be instrimentle of bringing many
to a knowledge of the Truth. Thou Shalt be a Teacher
of the Children of the Laminites to teach them the Siance
of letters & lerning; also Spining and Weving &
Knitting Work & all Sorts of warrin Aparal for the
Saints of the last days have to make their own Cloth.

Thou Shalt have a Companion Which Shall be
Exactly Suited to thy Mind and a Numerous Posterity.
Two of thy Sons Shall put ten thousand of the Enimie
to flight. Thy Daughters Shall assist thee grateley
in thy Larours amongst the Laminites. Thy Companion
also Shall incourage thy hart & Strengthen thy hands.
He Shall Baptize and Bring his thousands to thee for
instruction. Thou Shall have Riches in abundance
also posess the Riches of Eternity. Thy Name Shall be
had in everlasting Remembrance like Dorcas of Old &
this Blessing Shall be had among thy Children to all
generations. Thou Shall live to see the Curtains of Zion Extended over the Whole Earth on the Continent of America & her Children Dwell in Peace & injoy all the Glores & Blessings which you Desire. If you live humble not one word Shall fail Which hath been Spoken for I Seal it upon thy Head by the authority of the Holy Priesthood. Amen.

A Blessing Which Loenza Alvera Kingsbury Received under the hand of Patriarch John Smith in Winter Quarters, Omaha Nation, February 19th 1847. A blessing by John Smith Patriarch on the head of Loenza A. Kingsbury daughter of Stillman & Almira E. Pond, Born in Wooster County, Massachusetts Feb'y 15 1830.

Sister Loenza in the Name of Jesus Christ by the Authority Which he has given me I Place My hands upon thy head & Seal upon thee a Fathers Blessing for thou art a Daughter of Jacob through the loins of Joseph & thou hath a wright by an inheritance to all the blessings of Abrahæm, Isaac & Jacob & all the Powers & Privilage of the priesthood with thy Companion & inasmuch as thou has experience in affliction & Past through many trysals & have not fainted, the Lord is well pleased with thee & thy name is Written in the Lambs book of Life & through faithfulness it shall never be blotted out. The Lord has Given his Angels Charge over thee & they have Watch thee from the
They will continue and defend their course. Therefore fear not when trouble arises like a flood about thee. Let thy patience have its perfect work and thou shalt not be overcome. Thou shalt see the hand of the Lord has been favorable toward thee for thou shalt know that the Lord is just in all his ways and all thy losses shall be made up to thee and joy shall fill thy bosom. Thou shalt have a posterity that shall be mighty in the earth and none shall be greater in the house of Israel. Thou shalt redeem all thy friends that you desire, shall have faith to heal the sick in the house, health, peace and plenty shall be in all thy borders. No good thing shall be withheld from thee. Thou shalt live to a good old age, (42) see Zion established in peace and the saints settled in a healthy land. Now, sister be faithful and abide in the truth and these words shall not fail for I seal them upon you and thine forever. Amen.

(42) Loenza Pond Kingsbury died at the age of 23, 15 June 1853 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Three small daughters survived her.

These children were raised by relatives (Elizabeth Pond Lewis) and for periods of time by friends (the Jeremiah Woodburys). By about 1860 they moved to the home of Beason Lewis and his wife Elizabeth Pond Lewis, and grew up there and carried the name of Lewis.